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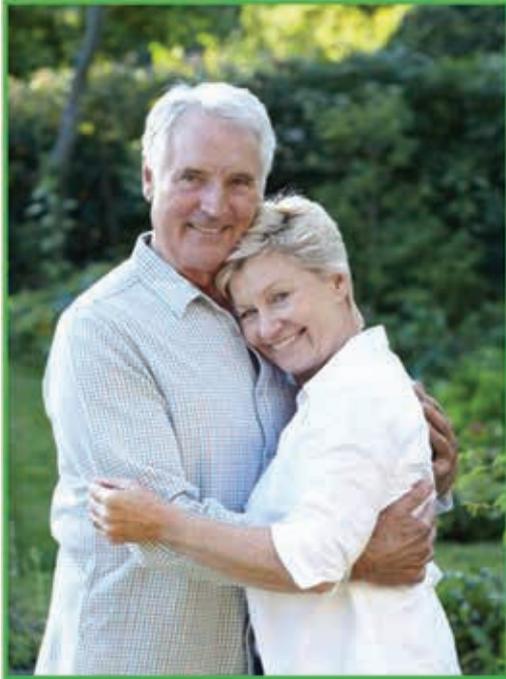
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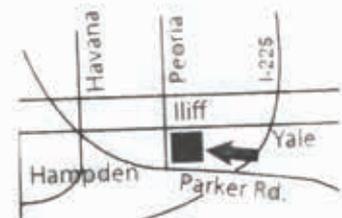


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Residents displaced by fire ask for HOA fees relief

Eight directors attended the Oct. 11 regular meeting of the HGA Board of Directors. Dave Archer was absent.

Treasurer Susan Lambert moved the board approve forming a study group to develop a policy on offering relief from HOA fees, for B217 residents who are not living at HG, due to being displaced by the fire. Lambert suggested that she, one other director, General Manager Calvin Eddy-White, and HG's attorney form the study group.

The board concurred with Lambert, forming the study group, with Director Linda Serio voting no. Director Kathy Buhrman noted that HG's Declaration of Condominium states that there will be no reason why a homeowner need not pay his/her HOA fee.

Lambert countered that HG's attorney had stated that, "good business practices' also apply here. This is why I suggest we need legal counsel, with a definitive policy. [Telling the residents] no way, no how has not been acceptable."

Board reaction to perhaps having to change the Declaration of Condominium was mixed. Many said, "No."

Lambert stressed, "I think this issue deserves careful consideration."

Directors ratified two motions, for work already completed, related to last May's fire on the sixth floor of B217. The board approved \$28,900 for Fire Department Connection (FDC) to conduct hydro-static tests for HG's 34 multistory buildings. Normally, this test is staggered over several years, but the fire in B217 identified that the building standpipes needed to be pressure tested.

The board approved \$7,164 for FDC, to replace the ruptured standpipe at B217.

Eddy-White reported that standpipes failed high pressure testing at seven of the 12 four-story buildings. He said HG had devised a means to repair the standpipes,

without having to tear up the first floors of each affected building, so residents would not be inconvenienced. The method involved running pipes on the outside of the buildings, bypassing pipes in the cement floors.

Structure-Maintenance Chair Buhrman remarked that even if standpipes fail, the fire department has other means of getting water to upper floors, as they did for

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4 Directors elected to HGA Board

On Tuesday, October 6, after the polls closed and the votes were counted, HG published the results of the Board of Directors election for 2017. The three top-vote getters were Susan Lambert, William Reynolds, and Rex Engel. Each was elected to a three-year term, 2017-2020.

The fourth highest vote count went to incumbent Michael Lickteig. He earned a one-year term on the board, 2017-18. The results of the vote were:

Susan Lambert	441 votes
William Reynolds	399 votes
Rex Engle	360 votes
Michael Lickteig	355 votes
Diane Dean	311 votes
Ruth Prendergast	206 votes

Regional Grand Total Votes: 2,072

Number of Votes in Person: 365

Number of Absentee Votes: 204

Total Votes Cast: 569, 23 percent



#9 tee box gets a new waterfall into the lake

A new waterfall on the #9 tee box, and adjacent to the Golf Course bridge between #9 and #8, was finished in October. Funded by the Foundation Committee, the old, man-made boulders have been replaced with real rock and multiple ways for water to cascade into the lake. It is a significant improvement. The water comes from HG's well. For scale, six members of the Foundation Committee were photographed at the top of the waterfall. More photos on pages 30, 45. Photo by Anne Hummel-Gillis

Extra! Extra! Information for you—

Insurance responsibilities

Heather Gardens revised its Declaration of Condominium in January 2015. As a result, there were changes made to the insurance responsibilities of HGA and the homeowners. Those responsibilities are summarized below:

Insurance Responsibilities

Heather Gardens Association:

- Rebuild the basic structure from studs out
- Replace drywall
- Liability for common areas
- Doors
- Windows
- Paint or wall paper on the dry wall
- All Flooring
- Carpet
- Walls

- All improvements or betterments installed by owners that are comprised of the unit
- All plumbing fixtures including toilet, tub, shower, sink inside the unit

Unit Owners:

- Comprehensive contents coverage including furniture
- Personal belongings
- Appliances
- Equipment
- Window coverings
- Draperies
- Liability coverage within the unit.
- Assessment coverage

On August 19, 2016, HG insurance broker, USI Colorado, did a presentation that outlined the insur-

ance coverage and responsibilities. One of the questions posed by several residents dealt with lanais.

Would the lanai be covered by HOA policy or the resident's HO6, which is the personal homeowners insurance policy? USI has confirmed with HG's insurance carrier that the lanai would be considered an upgrade and/or betterment, so it would be covered by the HOA [HG] policy.

If you missed the meeting in August, HG is planning to have another insurance meeting in January. Time and date to follow.

— **Bobbie Fitzgerald**
Senior Vice President
USI Colorado

Hallway smoke detector

A hallway smoke detector will give you advance notice if there is a fire and smoke outside your HG unit. The Emergency Planning Committee recommends you put an extra smoke detector outside your unit, above the door. It has also been recommended by HG Maintenance Department after a fire detection survey last spring.



els claim a 10-year life for the battery that never needs replacing (10 years is the life of the whole unit).

I *Do Not* recommend this newer smoke detector because they use sealed Lithium batteries that can cause a fire!

Best bet is a Walmart regular smoke detector powered by a 9V battery that requires changing once per year, only \$6.97. The detector should be tested monthly (manufacturers directions). Also, www.amazon.com has

smoke detectors.

If you decide a hallway smoke detector is in your future, you'll need to get Architectural Control Committee approval before you install. If you need assistance with installing the detector, the HG Maintenance Department will install it for a \$20 fee.

Unit Smoke Detector

Each multi-story unit comes with an AC powered smoke detector, usually mounted in the hallway outside the bedroom. *Note:* This smoke detector, wired into your unit, only sounds an alarm when detecting a possible fire *in your unit*. It does not trigger the building alarm, nor does it call 911. You have to do that.

This detector is equipped with a back-up battery that should be tested monthly by pushing the TEST button, which can be activated by a

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Refinancing bonds stalls over TABOR interpretation

All directors attended the Oct. 13 meeting of the HGMD Board of Directors. A piece of unfinished business, "Bond Quotes Discussion," consumed much of the meeting.

The motion to refinance HGMD's bonds, at a lower interest rate, was tabled last month, to obtain additional bond quotes from other companies, plus an opinion from the attorney.

Director Ed Kurtz remarked, "I know we got five or six additional quotes. Did we get an opinion from a bond attorney? We need the benefit of that information, so we can make a reasonable decision."

President Larry Francone reported that General Manager Calvin Eddy-White spoke with the attorney. "He said to cautiously go ahead."

Treasurer Twyla Gaugenmaier said, "I feel we need a signed, written

opinion from an attorney, because we will be increasing the debt, even though reducing the payment."

Kurtz rejoined, "I thank Director Gaugenmaier for her comments. If it's not in writing, it's not. I think we should table this."

Director Vince Velasquez replied, "I don't know why we're dragging our feet on this. We can save \$1 million [through lower interest]. It's incredible this window is going to close. We'll lose our opportunity."

Gaugenmaier explained, "The new debt will be more than what we owe," suggesting the higher debt might violate the Taxpayer Bill of Rights (TABOR), even if the payments are lower, due to lower interest.

"Present-value savings are less than the total savings. It will save only

about \$20 per year, per resident."

Existing bonds cannot be called earlier than 2020. Gaugenmaier added, "It might be wise to wait until closer to the callable date, even though interest will be higher. That's why we need a written and signed opinion from the attorney."

Director Craig Baldwin moved that the board table the action until the board receives a written opinion from the attorney. The motion passed, with Francone and Velasquez voting no.

The board voted down a recommendation from the Golf Committee to extend the golf course's afternoon two-for-one greens-fee discount to 11 am–3 pm on weekdays, from its current noon–3 pm weekdays. Golf Chair Velasquez, who did not attend

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2017 budget ready for boards: down more than half a percent

On Oct. 19, the Budget & Finance Committee (B&F) completed its review for the 2017 HG budget. B&F completed the proposed HGA budget, which will be submitted to the HGA Board of Directors, for approval, on Nov. 15.

The HGMD Board will approve its budget at their regular meeting in November and hold a public meeting in early December, prior to setting the final mill levy, which will be submitted to the HGA Board of Directors, for approval, on Nov. 15.

Budget Highlights

\$10,363,178	HGA Budget
\$1,061,463	HGMD/Recreation Fee
\$11,424,641	Total 2017 Budget

The 2017 figures represents a budget decrease of 0.61 percent, compared to 2016. If both Boards adopt their budgets as they currently stand, the average household could see a \$2 decrease in the monthly HOA fee.

Components of the HGA budget include \$1,832,092 in capital reserves, and \$900,324 in insurance premiums. The Maintenance component of the HOA fee, budgeted at \$5,411,696, consumes more than half of the budget.

The budget assumes an average 3 percent pay in-

crease for employees who are eligible. The number of full-time employees (FTEs) is budgeted to increase to 63 positions, from 62 FTEs in 2016. The new position is budgeted for the Security Department.

The HGMD Recreation Fee decreased, compared to that of 2016. Two days before, the HGMD Board of Directors spent the day whittling away at the budget, because at the day's start, the 2017 Recreation Fee was projected to increase more than 12 percent, compared to 2016.

The board eliminated a large capital item from the Clubhouse portion of 2017 budget (converting the Clubhouse electrical to solar), increased some Clubhouse fees, and postponed replacing the Golf Course bridge until 2019, among other changes. By doing so, they lowered expenses for each of their three cost centers: the golf course, the restaurant and the Clubhouse, each of which projects a better outlook on the amount needed to subsidize them in 2017.

The HGMD Board lowered the cost of the 2017 Recreation Fee from \$1,325,800, at the day's start, to \$1,061,463, at the end of the session. This represents an 11 percent decrease, compared to the budgeted 2016 Recreation Fee of \$1,180,900.

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	Mission Viejo	Nov. 10th	8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	Mission Viejo Elementary's 10th Annual Veterans Day Celebration will begin with a breakfast reception followed by an all-school and community assembly. American Legion Post 1992 will post the colors and our choir will perform with a guest vocalist. We will present the 3rd annual James C. Dulaney Award to the student who best exemplifies the meaning of patriotism and honoring those who serve. Members of the Naval Sea Cadets from Buckley AFB (Smoky Hill and Overland students) will join us to do a flag-folding ceremony and present the flag to a special guest. Following the assembly veterans will visit classrooms to share their stories, pictures, uniforms, etc. <i>R.S.V.P. to Sandy Roberts, 710-670-6031</i>
	Polton	Nov. 10th	9:00 a.m.-2:15 p.m. - Classroom visits 2:15 p.m. - Assembly	Polton will honor our nation's heroes by inviting veterans and active duty servicemen and women from our families and community to come into our classrooms and share their stories with our students. Then our guests will enjoy lunch and a patriotic assembly in their honor. <i>R.S.V.P. to Polton Office, 720-747-2602</i>
SECONDARY	Prairie Middle	Nov. 10th	8:30 -10:30 a.m.	Prairie Middle School will celebrate our veterans and active duty military members with a Veterans Day Breakfast featuring student speakers, musical performances and the sharing of stories from our community. <i>R.S.V.P. to Claudia Winegardner, 720-747-3040</i>
	Overland High	Nov. 7th	8:00 a.m. - Reception 9:00 a.m. - Assembly	Overland High School will continue its tradition of recognizing local veterans and active duty military personnel with a breakfast reception and a schoolwide celebration. Maj. Gen. H. Michael Edwards of the Colorado National Guard will be our keynote speaker. Entertainment will include performances by our Marching Band, Cecilian Choir, Orchestra and Jazz Choir. <i>R.S.V.P. to Susie Ruiz, 720-747-3872</i>

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In special meeting with residents, HGA Board cancels Comcast

A special meeting of the HGA Board of Directors met at 10 am Friday, Sept. 30, in Sandberg Auditorium. Director Kay Sawyer was absent.

The meeting was “solely” to present to the public the board’s findings regarding a proposed contract with Comcast, to provide bulk television and high speed internet using fiber-optic cable and equipment, said President Winnie Jennings. Structure Maintenance Chair Kathy Buhrman moved that the board reject the contract, noting that Comcast had “heavily red-lined 38 major items from the contract that HG sent, of which 20 were critical to HG.” One of these was that HG would pay to have the fiber optic cable installed in the community.

Directors took turns outlining aspects of the contract that had been returned by the home office of Comcast in Philadelphia. The tone of each director’s remarks made it clear that board members considered the changes that Comcast made to HG’s version of the contract were too severe to be considered further.

Audience comments divided into two camps. Some praised the board for its wisdom in killing the Comcast contract. Many had felt the contract was for too long a duration (10 years), was too expensive and was too risky in what it committed HG to pay.

On the other side, speakers questioned what was

the hurry in rejecting the contract without carefully considering if anything could be salvaged. Some speakers had worked on the project, through serving on the Campus Technology Committee (CTC), for two-plus years. Ron Hileman, B223, remarked, “I would suggest a board working session before rejecting the contract.”

After hearing audience comment for 45 minutes, the board approved Buhrman’s motion. Praise for the work of the CTC — a subcommittee of Structure Maintenance — was effusive.

When an audience member asked if the CTC now would be dissolved, Buhrman said no. “There’s lots more technology that needs to be looked at. We still need the committee’s expertise.”

She added that the \$40,000, which was spent on experts, legal advise and consultants in furtherance of the contract, “was money well spent. It provided us with a lot of useful information. . . \$40,000 [spent] over two and a half years was petty cash, in my opinion.”

This total, paid to consultants and a lawyer, surprised some residents, who have since requested a detailed accounting of when the disbursements were authorized and to whom at the HGA Budget & Finance Committee meeting on Oct. 10.

Comcast & HG — Why Not Negotiate?

Because of the limitations of satellite dish TV reception, 2/3 of Heather Gardens residents must use Comcast if we wish to obtain internet service as well as a diverse TV channel selection.

The cable company has a monopoly here and their prices demonstrate this. On Sept 30th, the HG Board of Directors voted to stop negotiating with Comcast after receiving the company’s first offer for a proposed “bulk pricing” for our campus. That decision of the Board serves us badly. And, of course, it leaves the cable company in its current and uncontested position of exclusive control and pricing.

We, the undersigned, think this action by the Board is entirely premature. Any first proposal is the beginning of a negotiation. It is often quite some distance from the conclusion. Further dialogue with Comcast will cost us nothing and it could certainly gain us quite a bit. We are a large and enviable customer base for this cable company. Someone at corporate headquarters knows this.

If you agree, please mark YES below.

If you do not, please mark NO.

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YES I / We request that the HG Board of directors negotiate further with Comcast in reference to bulk pricing for Heather Gardens and to give residents an opportunity to review the “best” terms after negotiation.

NO I / We do not think further negotiation is warranted.

Name _____ Bldg/Unit _____

Proposed by: Tom and Pat Nugent (B221), Rudy Morris (B217), Dennis and Nancy Scott (NTH), Mickey Kavanagh (CP1), Craig and Jean Baldwin (B242), Kim Wise (B233)

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B217. She added that motions totaling \$250,000 could update all building systems for fire safety. These “will be coming up next month.”

Long Range Planning Chair Jay Bluestein asked the board to hold an open meeting/working session on standardizing requests for quotes (RFQs) from contractors, noting that HG “does not have documentation on buildings built 40 years ago. I would like to get to the point where we ask contractors to look at a sample of a present building, and come back with a recommendation.”

Building codes

Director Deb Stelle warned, “We want to keep repairs and maintenance up, but don’t want to look for trouble. We can’t afford to update every building to current codes. We’re not millionaires. I think you’re overstepping in some areas.”

Bluestein responded, “I totally agree. That’s why we want to have a working session, to get everyone’s thoughts on the table.” He added he had requested earlier that all the committees meet together quarterly, to keep HG’s various entities on the same page.

The board approved the sale of advertising for HG’s directory, to help defray the cost of its printing. The motion included a provision that selling advertising could be accomplished in a cooperative venture with Heather ’n Yon, for the 2017 edition of the directory.

For the first time in recent memory, no member of the audience addressed the board on any topic.



HGMD Board President Reports

By Larry Francone

Well it is November, and the snow should be flying by now. The waterfall on the Golf Course is complete. It will look beautiful with a dusting of snow on the rocks surrounding the falls. A heartfelt THANK YOU to Ed Kurtz, Heather Gardens Metropolitan District (HGMD) Foundation Committee chair and his committee for completing this project. Thanks to Jeanne Hizer (former chair) and her committee for starting the ball rolling.

Take a walk around the waterfall and take it in. It is beautiful and a great asset to HG. This waterfall was provided by donations and bequests to the HG Foundation. I have a deep appreciation for those families and residents who made this project possible through donations or remembrances in their wills. I am sure that you join me in these sentiments.

The HGMD Board has been struggling with refunding its general obligation bonds that were obtained to finance the building of the Clubhouse. This refunding has the

possibility to save us close to \$1,000,000 over the next 23 years. There are many laws that govern metropolitan districts. The HGMD Board has been looking carefully at the legal aspects of this transaction. None of the directors want to make a mistake that may cost HG and its residents in the long run.

The other stumbling block is that some of the bond providers from whom we sought advice said refunding and refinancing at this time may not be in our best interest.

Others are saying "What are you waiting for?"

The board will work through this dilemma diligently and with both eyes wide open. Hopefully, the board will have it all behind us by the time this article appears in the printed *Heather 'n Yon*.

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Budget hearings for 2017 are completed. The HGMD Board will be accepting the new budget at its next regularly scheduled board meeting on Nov. 17. One of the things that we will be examining is solar electric power for the Clubhouse. Colorado has a favorable climate for solar power. If the payback makes sense, we will be taking a closer look.

The HGMD Board is dedicated to serving our community the best way we know how. We welcome your input. Please feel free to attend all regularly scheduled board meetings. These meetings take place in the Board Room on the second floor of the Clubhouse on the "first Thursday following the second Monday of each month."

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the last Golf Committee meeting, remarked, "There's no support for this.

"We should try out our new software, first," he added, to see if making tee times online increases play. The software is scheduled to be implemented in November.

Eddy-White suggested the new software might give Golf Pro Bob Macaluso the flexibility to add or subtract the two-for-one option,

at certain hours, such as when the weather changes.

Baldwin moved that the board approve reimbursement for consumable goods with a \$120 stipend for directors. The motion died for a lack of second.

The board revised a few more sections of its policy manual during the October meeting. Francone said the manual would be updated and delivered to each director, to ratify or make addition changes, at the November meeting.

Detector ...from page 6

broom handle or similar device with length if you don't want to use a ladder or step stool. (Most HG residents are not tall enough to reach it.)

Hint: The battery will normally last one year, but I change mine in the fall and spring when daylight savings time starts or ends. When replacing the battery, use

a Sharpee fine point pen to write the date on the battery. Then you'll know exactly when the battery was installed!

Any questions, contact me, B217 or email, rudymorris4@gmail.com.

**– Rudy Morris
B217, Emergency Preparedness
Committee**

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If you hear a rumor, please e-mail Calvin Eddy-White at calvin.eddy-white@heathergardens.org. He will answer on HeatherGardens.org, under the Community FAQ tab.

**– Kay Sawyer
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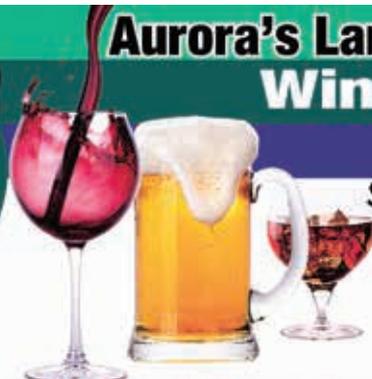
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Publisher's Corner

Times change, themes are recycled

by Lynn Donaldson, Editor of Heather 'n Yon

I confess. Prior to a national election many years ago, I was a "Spiro Agnew girl." It was 1968. And best that I can recollect, my sister and I were drafted by a friend at school to provide some color for the candidate for vice president when he came to give a speech in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

We were instructed to wear a white blouse and blue skirt. Then, when we met the other girls (all were teenagers — too young to vote) downtown, we were given a red scarf to tie around our neck. We were also given pom-poms. We were to walk from one location for a few blocks to a hotel where Spiro Agnew was to give a speech. Agnew was not part of this parade. I suspect that our march was designed by Iowa Republicans to catch the eyes of people downtown, highlighting a campaign event nearby. They then knew where to go for the campaign rally.

Once in the hotel, the Agnew girls could stay, sitting cross-legged in front of people who had chairs behind us for his speech. I remember nothing about what he said. I do remember that the room was filled with people.

Richard Nixon, with running partner Agnew, won the election that year. Nixon was inaugurated President in January 1969.

I graduated from high school that spring, then went to university out of state. I became even more politically active after that — but not in such a passive way because I could vote in 1972.

Nixon kept Agnew on the ticket for his re-election in 1972, although there were rumors that he wanted to replace him. After winning that national election in a landslide over George McGovern and Sargent Shriver, Agnew was forced to resign in October 1973. House Minority

Leader Gerald Ford was nominated and confirmed as vice president.

After resigning, Agnew pleaded no contest to tax evasion for accepting bribes of \$100,000 while governor of Maryland. It was a negotiated solution that was later modified to Agnew repaying Maryland more than \$250,000, which was reportedly the total amount of bribes he accepted.

Agnew went on to be a successful businessman. He never won a political position again.

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My father once said that nothing new happens, especially in politics. I suppose I should have believed him at the time since he had been a political reporter for many years after graduating from college in 1944. But it angered me that the activism of young people in the 1960s was not unique, as I believed.

Now that I am older than I was when I protested the war in Vietnam, I am beginning to see why he said what he did. The national elections do seem to recycle many of the same themes every four years. There are nuances to the differences, but some basic features return each time.

Another national election is drawing to a close this month, with some partisan themes to go dormant until the next one, 2020. The new president will be inaugurated in 2017 and begin the challenging job of governing a country with people who hold diverse opinions, experiences and beliefs.

One thing my father did not predict — that Bob Dylan, a popular troubadour of the 1960–70s, would be awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature in 2016. Dylan wrote and sang the following song for the first time in October 1963. It was an anthem for the time, but maybe just as applicable today.

The Times They Are a-Changin'

Come gather around people
Wherever you roam
And admit that the waters
Around you have grown
And accept it that soon
You'll be drenched to the bone
And if your breath to you is worth
saving
Then you better start swimming or
you'll sink like a stone
For the times they are a-changing

Come writers and critics
Who prophesize with your pen
And keep your eyes wide
The chance won't come again
And don't speak too soon
For the wheel's still in spin
And there's no telling who that it's
naming
For the loser now will be later to win
Cause the times they are a-changing

Come senators, congressmen
Please heed the call
Don't stand in the doorway
Don't block up the hall
For he that gets hurt
Will be he who has stalled
There's the battle outside raging
It'll soon shake your windows and
rattle your walls
For the times they are a-changing

Come mothers and fathers
Throughout the land
And don't criticize
What you can't understand
Your sons and your daughters
Are beyond your command
Your old road is rapidly aging
Please get out of the new one if you
can't lend your hand
Cause the times they are a-changing

The line it is drawn
The curse it is cast
The slowest now
Will later be fast
As the present now
Will later be past
The order is rapidly fading
And the first one now will later be
last
Cause the times they are a-changing

The Times They Are a-Changin'
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Management

Ongoing improvements in HG

By Calvin Eddy-White
General Manager

There is a chill in the air, the Aspen leaves are changing colors and the Broncos are playing football, so it must be fall in Colorado. This time of year usually means HG construction projects are winding down. This year, work continues on replacing roofs and siding for CP1 and CP4. These repairs were required by the hail damage two years ago, and are covered by money from insurance claims. Plans are to complete the rest of the CPs in 2017.

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In addition to the remaining construction work, I am asking that everyone who has not filled out a Census Form to please do so. Your AR has been given forms for all of those residents who have yet to respond. It would be nice to get more accurate numbers for HG's historical data. There was such a low response rate this year (see results published in October's issue of *Heather 'n Yon*). Therefore, I need to resample those who did not respond previously. Thank you for helping with this project.

GM's Report

General Manager

- Attended board, committee, and ARO meetings.
- Reviewed payables and Capital Projects.
- Reviewed ACC Project Approval forms.
- Attended meeting with the B217 residents.
- Continued working on 2017 budget.
- Attended annual Large Scale Managers and SDA Conferences.

Controller

- Completed workers comp audit.
- Completed first draft of 2017 Budget.
- Renewed HGA insurance with USI.
- Attended committee meetings for budget review.
- Renewed employee benefits package.

Paint

- Completed 19 work orders.
- Attended B217 meeting for upcoming chair rail project.
- Continued working on B206 chair rail project.

- Primed ceilings and walls in B217.
- Began drywall repairs in B217.

Maintenance

- Completed 745 work orders. Of those, 102 were billable.
- Completed plumbing inspections at B208, B220, and B244.
- Jetted kitchen drain lines from the garage in B236.
- Replaced underground wire in the parking lot between B243 and B244.
- Installed domestic hot water hi-limit t-stats in B211 and B212.
- Power washed parking decks at B217, B218, B219, and B235.
- Replaced meter panels for six units in B206.
- Replaced PRV and boiler drains in B231.
- Completed lanai epoxy coating in six units.
- Finished annual boiler tube cleaning in B204, B208, and B236.
- Installed continuous hinge on B220's parking deck door.
- Repaired copper pipe in numerous locations
- Installed handrails along both sides of the sidewalk in front of B232.
- Modified drainage trough grate cement, in front of garage door of B250.

Clubhouse

- Special Events: Held eight events.
- Attended committee meetings.
- Began planning for Fall Special Events and sponsorships.
- Created class brochure for Fall programs.
- Assisted VNA with flu shots.
- Worked with county for Voter Registration.
- Closed outdoor pool on Sept 12.

Contracts

- Worked with contractor assembling metal staircase for B231.
- Monitored STH siding replacement.
- Monitored NTH painting. (Garage doors, electrical panels, etc.)
- Replaced 14 windows.
- Worked with contractor for Atrium skylight repairs.
- Monitored carpet and carpet base replacement for multi-story buildings.
- Monitored CP1 siding, chimney and roofing replacement.
- Worked with architect and contractor for Seville spa repairs.
- Worked with Maintenance Connection on new work order software.
- Worked on the Reserve Study.

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Sports writer/reporter graduates to authoring books and teaching

When Jack Cavanaugh, and his wife, Marge, moved to B219 two months ago, they came to Colorado for a traditional reason: to be closer to three grandsons. The Connecticut couple had barely unpacked when Jack resumed pursuing his love of sports, writing and teaching in his adopted state of Colorado.

Cavanaugh enjoyed a distinguished career as a writer for such newspapers as the *New Haven Register* and the *Providence Journal*, before joining United Press International (UPI), while UPI was still in its heyday. He covered Hartford, New York and Washington, D.C.

"I heard that television news was hiring people with print experience. I had eight years of that, by then." Cavanaugh joined ABC News as a writer, then became a reporter, spending five years with that news organization. It was there that Jack met Marge, who also worked in ABC's news department.

"They had a rule, in those days, that a married couple couldn't work in the same department." After the pair married, Marge transferred to another department at ABC, but didn't like it.

"I asked her, why didn't she try modeling? After leaving ABC, she worked as a model for five years, in New York City. She later worked for Estee Lauder, in cosmetics."

Jack moved on to CBS News, where he worked another two years. By then it was the 60s, an exciting time to be a TV news reporter, he said.

It was the beginning of the civil rights movement, and Vietnam protests were in the news. Cavanaugh interviewed Martin Luther King, Richard Nixon, Lyndon John-

son, Ted, Bobby, and Jacqueline Kennedy, Prince Philip, Louis Armstrong, Salvador Dali, and Israel's Yitzhak Rabin. At CBS, for two years, he worked almost exclusively at night.

Marge and Jack started a family, and he began to fret about his quality of life, he said.

"I missed print journalism, missed writing," he added, "but had a no-compete contract with CBS. I wrote anyway, anonymously, for the *New York Daily News*, but told them not to use my byline."

Cavanaugh left CBS, to become a news correspondent for *Reuters New York*, specializing in covering North American Sports. He interviewed Muhammad Ali, Ted Williams and Joe DiMaggio.

Cavanaugh jumped jobs again, going to the *New York Times*, where he spent 25 years as a sports and occasional features writer. He also became an adjunct professor at Fairfield and Quinnipiac Universities in Connecticut. Later, at the Columbia Graduate School of Journalism, he taught writing courses for 10 years.

Cavanaugh began writing books about sports figures who inspired him. He would publish six books, which drew

on a heavy dose of history about the period in which the highlighted sports events occurred.

"I always make my books period pieces. I write historical non-fiction. It was an effort to make my readership more diverse."

In 2006, Cavanaugh wrote *Tunney*, about Boxer Gene Tunney. Subtitled, *Boxing's Brainiest Champ and His Upset of The Great Jack Dempsey*, *Tunney* was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize.

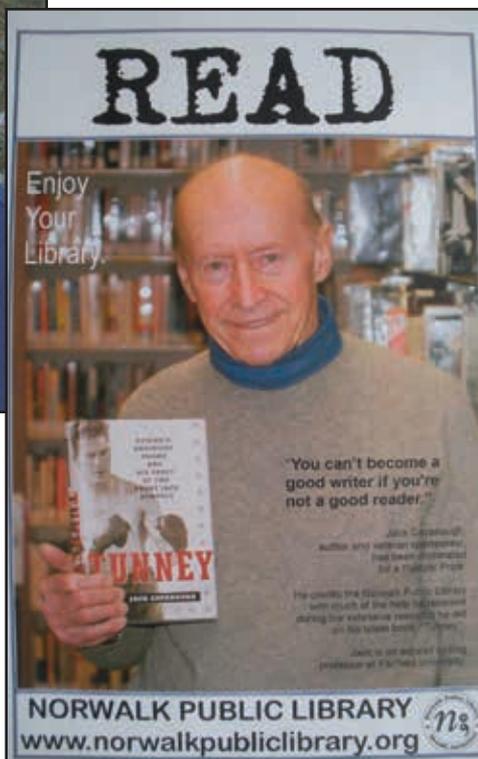
Cavanaugh has written

- *Damn The Disabilities: Full Speed Ahead*, about disabled athletes;



Above: Jack Cavanaugh, B219, had a fascinating newspaper/TV career that now infuses his writing career.

Right: A local celebrity in Norwalk, Connecticut, Cavanaugh was featured on a library poster that encouraged reading, holding his Pulitzer-nominated book, *Tunney*.



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Homes for Sale in Heather Gardens

Coming Soon – Somerset C and Seville A– Call for details.



3164 S. Wheeling Way #304 - \$164,000

2br/2ba – 1200 sq.ft. Alpha A – Home being remodeled/updated. Call for details. Quiet location backing to greenbelt. New vinyl double pane door & windows.

3164 S. Wheeling Way #310 - \$177,500

2br/2ba – 1200 sq.ft. Alpha A – Wonderful end location overlooking the golf course. Electric fireplace in the living room. Nice kitchen. New paint & newer appliances.



14390 E. Marina Dr. #212 - \$235,000

2br/2ba – 1380 sq.ft. Somerset C – Gorgeous home! Remodeled kitchen w/Maple cabinets & granite counters. Spacious living room & formal dining. Enclosed lanai.

13991 E. Marina Dr. #609 - \$299,900

2br/2ba – 1560 sq.ft. Atrium F – Perfect end unit on golf course w/mountain views. Gorgeous kitchen w/granite counters & stainless steel appliances. 2 enclosed lanais



13908 E. Linvale Pl. - \$319,000

3br/3ba – 1176 sq.ft. Patio Home – Lovely patio home on quiet greenbelt. Updated cabinets & hardwood floors in kitchen. Finished bsmt w/family room, bed & bath.

3022 S. Wheeling Way #306 - \$120,000

1br/1ba – 970 sq.ft. Alpha B – Great opportunity to own a 1 bedroom unit! Located away from street on back lot. Extra storage in parking. New paint.



13713 E. Marina Dr. #B - \$325,000

3br/3ba – 1176 sq.ft. Patio Home – Nice patio home w/wooded kitchen. Vaulted ceiling in living room. Finished basement w/family room, bed & bath.

SOLD – 3022 S. Wheeling Way #201

SOLD - 13606 E. Bates Ave. #405

SOLD - 13609 E. Cornell Ave. #111

SOLD - 14390 E. Marina Dr. #403

SOLD - 13890 E. Marina Dr. #601

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These two women embraced being twins with fervor — still do

Christmas represents birth, the emergence from darkness into light. Twins Betty Jean McKee and Etta Jane McKee, B211, heralded the world from their family farm in northeast Colorado on Christmas Day. Their too-soon arrival caught the family unprepared and their double birth caught the family by surprise. They interrupted their mother's own birthday.

"In fact, the doctor didn't know either," said Betty Jean. "We didn't have a phone so Dad had to go get the doctor. A lady neighbor came over and stayed with Mom and our older sister until he got back.

"And she says to Mom: 'Do you have any names picked out?'

"Mom said 'no.'

"And she said: 'If you have a girl, would you name her Betty Jean? I have a niece and I think so much of her.'"

"Mom was agreeable to the name. Betty Jean was born."

"Then the doctor checked on Mom and says: 'You're not going anywhere yet.'

"And Mom says: 'What do you mean?'"

"I came along 45 minutes later," said Etta Jane. "So they had to come up with something to go with Betty Jean. That's how I got my name — Mom's middle name was Jane. She had a friend named Etta."

Both twins are laughing as they recount the family story. Swaddled and fed, they were set in a galvanized wash tub placed behind the coal stove.

"It was so cold. Mom had only one basket and the basket wasn't big enough for both of us."

"Nowadays we'd have to be incubated."

"And we were born breach."

"So Mom was really thankful that everything worked out. So really, our life is a miracle from the very beginning. Everything worked out good."

Each twin is talking in such good nature around, over, and through the other that it is not possible to attribute which twin is saying what. Correct attribution doesn't mat-

ter to either twin — they're both having a good time telling their story.

Dry land farmers during the depression and war years had to be resilient and self-sufficient. The whole family pitched in together to extract a living from Colorado's short grass prairie. In spring, their mother was again in the fields and feeding farm hands.

Sister Cora Lou (Erdman, B201), elder by six years, often reminds the twins: "Mom being so frustrated because we had to get lunch for the thrashers and workers. She didn't know how she was going to do it because she had to feed twins."

"So Cora says: 'Well, I'll help.'"

She tied them into a rocking chair, each with a bottle in her mouth, and rocked them to sleep.

"She grew up fast."

The twins are mirror images of one another. One is left-handed, the other right. They own up to having similar personalities. Their likes and dislikes are the same. To this day, they dress in identical clothing.

"We agree on clothes that we get."

If one came home from school or work and changed clothes, the other: "had a funny feeling that she wasn't the same as I was"



The McKee twins: Betty Jean and Etta Jane were photographed outside their home in B211. The two women are frequent walkers around HG.

and changed also.

Halloween was the only time they wore different outfits, so as to appear unrecognizable to the treaters.

Their empathy for the other is so strong, one often feels what the other is going through. When their mother disciplined one, the other felt the smarting of the spanking. When one underwent surgery, the other felt the stab.

The two deliver twin mischief with gentle humor. Their second grade teacher assigned them chairs by color. All the other kids got to sit in colors of choice. Betty Jean and Etta Jane wanted to be like the other kids. Once, they tried switching chairs, but the bandaged knee of one girl betrayed their identity.

When their identicalness arouses public comment: "Look, there's twins," one will quickly efface to baffled lookers. At work, they would appear to Commercial Bank customers as one person with the ability to be in two places at once.

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Patio Home **New Listing** **\$325,000**

Lovely 3 bedroom 3 bath PH with quiet interior location, updated kitchen & baths, newer neutral carpet, paint, vaulted ceilings, fireplace, finished basement with bedroom (non conform), bath & family rm, att gar

2 Story Townhome **New Listing** **\$292,900**

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2 Story Townhome **Coming Soon- GC Location**

Nicely Updated 3 bedroom 3 bath TH w/ enclosed patio overlooking HG Golf Course, w/d, fireplace, Att. gar.

Somerset F **New Listing-GC Views** **\$285,000**

Beautiful 1560 sq. ft. corner F unit w/ GC Views & full gl encl lanai. Remod Kit & baths. Newer neutral crpt/pt, plantation shutters, newer windows, w/d & gar parking

Somerset F **Coming Soon-With Golf Course Views**

Lovely updated 1550 Somerset F w/ new carpet/paint/window covering, newer appl, 2 lanais, w/d, gar prkg

Four Story A **Golf Course Location** **\$195,000**

View of 8th Fairway! Lovely 1200 sq. ft. 2 bed, 2 bath with updated kitchen & bath, vaulted ceilings, neutral carpet, new paint, wood floors, enclosed lanai, 2 storage lockers & 2 prkg spaces. Short walk to clubhouse.

Four Story A **New Listing** **\$185,900**

Beautifully updated 1200 sq ft 2 bed 2 ba unit nestled in the tree tops. Spacious open flr plan w/ updt kit w/ oak cabinets, corian counters & newer appl/carpet, laminate flrs, glass lanai, enclosed prkg & 3 strg lkrs.

Somerset C **New Listing-GC View** **\$252,900**

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Atrium A **GC-Full Front Range View** **\$249,900**

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Four Story A **10+ GC Location** **\$190,000**

View of 8th Fairway & water, encl lanai. 1200 sq ft 2 bd 2 ba w/ updt kit & ba. Formal L/D, 2 strg lkrs,

Seville B **New Listing- Updated** **\$135,000**

Nicely updated 784 sq. ft. 1 bd 1 ba w/ nice view New crpt/paint, kit appl, w/d, 2 strg lkrs & gar prkg

Atrium N **Full Glass Enclosed Lanai** **\$140,000**

1 bed 1 ba, glass encl lanai. New crpt/pt, garage

Seville Exec **Exquisite Remodel** **\$315,000**

\$57,000 in upgds. 3 bd 3 ba 1876 sq. ft., Kit, Pano., w/ new cabs/granite counters, 2 Masters Suites

Somerset A **New Listing-GC View** **\$218,000**

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HG TH **New Listing-GC Location** **\$312,000**

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The Month (October)

Area Representative Organization (ARO) Vice President Carol Wasteney, B223, presided over the Oct. 13 quarterly meeting of the ARO. President Pete Clarendon resigned as ARO president in September.

The membership, with 12 neighborhoods/buildings not represented or voting, elected a new slate of officers for 2017. The new ARO officers will be:

- President Diane Dean, B232
- Vice President Holly Hileman, B223
- Secretary Judy Boone, B203

ARs were reminded to return any changes to the 2017 HG Directory to the business office by Nov. 2.

Security Chief Larry Baker suggested that ARs should attend a seminar to learn how to use the Everbridge 911 Reverse Call system, then teach the methods to their residents.

General Manager Calvin Eddy-White told the audience that the return on this year's census was low, only 75 percent, compared to 85 percent in past years. He reported that his office will contact the households that did not return the one-page census form, and urge them to complete it, in an attempt to better those numbers.

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At the October meeting of the HGMD Board of Directors, Resident Pam Lowyns, B207, asked why, under the

proposed 2017 class-fee schedule, a class that meets once per week, for one hour, will cost the same as a class that meets once a week for three hours. Clubhouse Manager Linda Aluise replied that it would not. A class that meets once per week, for a three-hour session, will cost the same as a class that meets three times per week, for one hour each session.

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During the October review of the 2017 budget, some prevailing trends surfaced regarding life at HG. Colorado currently is enjoying a booming economy. The greater prosperity has reached its tendrils into HG — less bad debt was encountered in 2016, as fewer residents fell into arrears on their HOA fees.

Hiring employees, however, especially in the more specialized areas of maintenance service workers and groundskeepers, continued to be difficult. HG as an employer can't compete with other companies that offer higher salaries and perks, such as company vehicles and better benefits.

The hail and other weather-related damage from the past few years will have a positive effect on capital reserves. Maintenance, such as replacing roofs and siding on THs and CPs, will be covered by insurance payouts. Without the insurance, money to cover these high-ticket

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repairs would have drawn on capital-reserve funds.

In the same vein, insurance money to paint portions of B217 and replace carpet and other damaged components, will leave the money earmarked for future work on these items in the paint and maintenance budgets.

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While gardening around her CP, one HG female resident had an encounter. A man drove past, then pulled into a parking area about 20 yards away, and climbed out of the driver's seat with no pants on.

Not flustered by the flasher, she said loudly, "Oh for goodness sake, I wouldn't take that little thing out in public if I were you." Then she called the police.

After getting a description, the patrolmen were called away when they were dispatched to a nearby neighborhood — another 911 call about a flasher!

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Two months ago, two golf cars used by the Maintenance Department were stolen by two men caught on the security camera with bandanas covering their lower faces. One car was recovered the next day in the parking lot of a nearby restaurant, Ajuua. It took longer to find the second one, but it was recovered as well. It is still unknown who used these slow, open vehicles for a joyride.

Now, the space between the gate to the Maintenance Building and the building has been fortified with boulders as a deterrent to another golf car-jacking.

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Clubhouse Manager Linda Aluise updated the Clubhouse Restaurant Committee on an ATM company that had asked if they could place a machine in the vestibule before entering the Rendezvous Restaurant. After negotiations, the vendor agreed to pay HG 40¢ per transaction. The committee recommended that the HGMD Board approve installing the ATM machine in the Clubhouse.

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Chair Kay Sawyer told the Communications Committee that 25 HG units were on the market as of Oct. 4. There were 19 under contract. Thirteen condos were sold in September with the median number of days on the market, 17.

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Annually, Aurora City Councilmember Bob Roth (right photo) holds a Candidates Forum at his Town Hall in October. It is often held in HG's Sandberg Auditorium. This year, it was Oct. 18.



Above: Opponents for Colorado State House 26 Daniel Kagan and Nancy Doty.

Right: University of Colorado Regent At-Large Alice Madden



Left: Arapahoe County Commissioner District 3 Janet Lee Cook and Jeff Baker



Below: State House District 40 Janet Buckner and Todd Brophy (who replaced Spencer Wellman in the race when a family emergency forced a move out of the state)



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*Left: State House District 41
Jovan Melton and
Linda Garrison*



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Bob Roth's Town Hall was a Candidates Forum



*State Senate
District 28
Nancy Todd
(above)
James
Woodley
(left) speaks
to Larry
Swift.*



*Right: William
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improvements
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Middle School.*





To Run the Floor, When Just to Run Is a Wonder

By JACK CAVANAUGH

NEW HAVEN, July 4 — Tomas Murray lost his right basketball shoe but hardly a step as he responded to receive the shot, slipped it back on and then made the ball from the player he was guarding.

These rapid-fire movements during a game held to assess talent at the Special Olympics World Games last Saturday would have looked cheers at any basketball game. But in this instance, they elicited a roar, because Murray has only one leg and, without a prosthetic, runs up and down the court as that one appendage.

Not only that, but the 20-year-old Murray, who usually plays point guard, is one of the best players on the Panamanian basketball team. In an assembly of athletes who perform varying levels of mental retardation and, in some cases, physical disability, Murray is perhaps the most remarkable.

"It's amazing, absolutely amazing," said Jim Reynolds, the boys' varsity basketball coach at Willour Cross High School in New Haven and commissioner of the basketball competition, which has drawn 60 male and female players from 44 nations. "He does things that a lot of two-legged players can't do."

In a sport where balance is important, a one-legged player would seem to be at an almost impossible disadvantage. But the 5-foot-4-inch, 140-pound Murray rarely loses his balance, as he demonstrated while playing forward in a game between Panama and the Dominican Republic this afternoon at Quincepica College in nearby Hamden.

"It's hard to believe, but Tomas hardly ever falls down," said Trinidad Fernandez, the director of the Panamanian delegation to the games, which run through next Monday. "He's a very good passer, sets good picks and screens and is the team's best 3-point shooter."

Murray, a free and aggressive player, did fall down today, three times in all, once after shooting a jumper. But over all he acquitted himself well as Panama was routed by a far superior Dominican Republic team, 65-52, after having won its opening round game against a New Mexico team made up entirely of Navajos. Playing a little more than half of the 20-minute game, he made 1 of 5 shots, on a layup in the second half. Murray also directed the crowd of about 300 with a subtle back pass. And unlike many of his teammates, he never saved the ball over as he quickly topped about the court.

"What makes Murray's dexterity and agility on the court even more notable is that, off the court, he walks with crutches, because he does not have a prosthesis for his left leg."

Murray, who is from the Panamanian town of Panama, is the subject of a book by Jack Cavanaugh, "Giants Among Men," published by HarperCollins.

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New York Times, July 5, 1995

- *The Gipper*, about the legendary Notre Dame football player George Gipp;
- *Giants Among Men*, about the 50s and 60s Giants football teams;
- *Mr. Inside and Mr. Outside*, about Glenn Davis and Doc Blanchard, two college football players, who played together for Army; and
- *Season of 42*, about America's first wartime baseball season.

Cavanaugh's sports books have been glowingly reviewed in the *New York Times*, *Sports Illustrated*, *The Denver Post*, and others. Cavanaugh's streak of publishing a book every other year came to an end, he admitted, when he didn't publish one in 2016.

Since coming to Colorado, grandparent duty hasn't completely pulled his focus from writing. Cavanaugh was approached about teaching a course at the University of Denver (DU). He declined to teach a course, he said, because he prefers to write books, but he did deliver a talk on writing at DU, in October.

The Cavanaugh family, he admitted. His daughter and her husband — a couple of lawyers who met at DU's law school — are avid skiers and tennis players. His son, who lives in Santa Cruz, California, is "a big surfer."

Cavanaugh has attended several Thursday meetings of the HG Writer's Club, where — as a nonfiction writer — he is a bit of a rarity. At the end of this interview, he headed off to the fitness center, to work out.

— Mary Hafka

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If You Can Make It Here

How the Giants—and the NFL—took Manhattan

PERHAPS YOU'VE heard that the 1958 NFL championship game between the Colts and the Giants was a pivotal moment. This 50th-anniversary year of the Greatest Game Ever Played was celebrated by Mark Bowden (*The Best Game Ever*, SI, April 28) and ex-Giants star Frank Gifford (*The Glory Game*), and both offer keen, detailed accounts. Can anything more be said about the game or its era?

With *Giants Among Men*, Jack Cavanaugh answers that question in the affirmative. Cavanaugh smartly gives the '58 game slightly more than a bit part in a larger story: how the Giants changed the NFL and won over a major media market. As the '50s dawned, pro football was an afterthought in New York City,



but Cavanaugh chronicles how the town fell for a team that was talented (between 1956 and '63 the Giants fielded eight future Hall of Famers), innovative (the coaching staff included young assistants named Tom Landry and Vince Lombardi) and successful (New York made six NFL title game appearances in eight years). New Yorkers felt close to those Giants, most of whom were city dwellers and working men. (Cavanaugh tells how, with the forecast before the '56 title game calling for frozen turf, the team bought a rush order of rubber-soled shoes from a store run by defensive end Andy Robustelli.) They may have lost the Greatest Game, but Cavanaugh's Giants made America love NFL football.

—S.C.

G-MEN Gifford (left) and QB Charlie Conerly were N.Y. stars.

Above Left: Cavanaugh wrote about Tomas Murray, in the New York Times, in 1995, a one-legged basketball player from Panama, who played without a prosthetic leg. "He was the most amazing athlete I ever saw in my life," said Cavanaugh, "including Muhammad Ali."

Left: Sports Illustrated wrote that Cavanaugh's book, Giants Among Men, about the NFL Giants football team in the 1950s and 1960s, was a must-read.

Instilled by their parents with the sense of being no more special than others, they remain close to their sisters. Cora Lou and her husband live in HG, as does their younger sister Madeline Robbins, B211. Cora Lou's son and daughter, the only grandchildren, live in Aurora under the watchful eyes of three aunts.

"We kept them in line [laughter]. I don't know, they probably thought so," said one.

"Probably," said the other.

Betty Jean and Etta Jane never married, and have always been equally close to the same friends. True to

a farmer's resilience, they accepted with equanimity the inconveniences of the 2013 flooding in Colorado. The worst part was having to use public port-a-potties at the end of the block.

In 2014, they moved here from Sterling to be closer to Cora Lou. Madeline soon followed.

Biographies and inspirational stories are their preferred books.

They pursue genealogy research, enjoy walking HG, attend HG Chapel, and read the Sterling paper for hometown news. Complete with one another, the twins are contented with life and happy with the world they live in.

— Dala Giffin

A call to 911 should always be a call for emergency help

When should I call 911?

If you observe life or death emergencies or in-progress crimes against property that include, but are not limited to:

- Life threatening situations
- Fires
- Motor vehicle accidents
- Injuries requiring medical attention
- Hazardous chemical spills
- Smoke detector, carbon monoxide alarm or other alarms sounding
- Smoke in a building
- If you see someone hurting someone else
- To get help for someone who is hurt
- If you see someone taking something that belongs to someone else or breaking into a home or business

When not to call 911:

Calling 911 as a joke or knowing that an emergency situation does not exist is a crime and subject to prosecution. If you call 911 to see if it is working, stay on the line and advise the operator you are just testing.

Non-emergency situations include:

- For information
- For directory assistance
- For your injured or lost pet
- Abandoned vehicles
- Asking for directions
- Parking complaints
- Questions about tickets, warrants, court dates, etc.

What if I need police or fire assistance, but it's not an emergency?

The non-emergency number for the Aurora Emergency Communications Center is 303-627-3100. This number is staffed 24 hours per day, seven days a week.

What if I call 911 in error?

DON'T HANG UP! Stay on the line and advise the dispatcher that you dialed in error. If you hang up, the following will happen:

- A call back to the phone is initiated by the dispatcher to determine if there is an emergency.
- If the dispatcher is unable to contact the caller to verify that there is no emergency, a law enforcement emergency response unit is dispatched to the residence to determine if an emergency situation exists. The 911 call shows the address and phone number of the person calling. The operator would prefer to talk to an adult in these instances.
- If the dispatcher makes contact, and still feels there may be a problem, the officer will continue to the location to verify there is no problem.

How do I make a 911 call?

In an emergency, dial 911 on your phone. It's a free call. You can use any kind of phone: push button, rotary, cellular/wireless, cordless or pay phone. Per federal law, you must be able to dial 911 from any pay phone without depositing money, or from any cell phone even if the service has been cancelled. Stay calm and state your emergency.

Speak loudly and clearly. Give the 911 dispatcher your name, phone number and the address where help is needed. Answer questions while help is on the way. Stay on the telephone if it's safe to do so. Hang up only when the call taker tells you to.

What information does the dispatcher need to send help?

The following is the minimum information needed for a response:

- Location of your emergency (exact address, intersection, or landmark)
- Type of emergency
- Your name and callback phone number in case further information is needed

Why does the operator need me to stay on the line after I have called for help?

- To ensure your safety and those involved
- In case a medical condition changes for the better or worse, the dispatcher can identify what immediate assistance might be needed, or provide you with instructions to help until medical crews arrive
- To provide current and accurate information to the responding units (medical or law enforcement)

Why does the operator ask so many questions?

Operators follow a specific line of questioning to rapidly identify the situation and collect facts. Operators are not nosy. Their primary concern is to obtain as much information as possible to expedite the emergency response by the public safety agency, to ensure safety to the public, police or fire responders.

If you can't decide if your call is an emergency, consider it to be an emergency, dial 911.

Seasonal Thefts and Scams • Winter Driving

2:30 pm Wednesday, Nov. 16, Sandberg Auditorium
Senior Resource Officer James Senecca, Aurora Police Department

This seminar will cover common scams and burglaries during the holiday season. Residents will be advised how to protect themselves from such events that can mar your enjoyment of a season that is busy with family activities. Another concern to be covered will be driving cautiously when temperature changes affect road conditions. These reminders will help you be safe.

– Chief Larry Baker

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Letters

Heather 'n Yon

To: HG residents, management, employees and the people who golf

I want to tell all of you THANK YOU for allowing my company to do the [waterfall] project. Thank you for believing in us. Most importantly, thank you for your kind words as you walked by and offered words of encouragement.

When I am first awarded a contract such as this, it is exciting. That excitement quickly turns to worry — will I be able to do the job expected by the client. I worry that the people who see the job every day will like what I am doing. I worry about the safety of my employees. Basically, I worry about everything. As my company started to build the project out, workers started hearing comments like:

"We are so glad you are doing the project."

"We can't wait to see what it's going to look like."

"Your guy has guts to be so close on that ridge."

"You guys are really working hard."

When I hear comments like that, it slowly builds my confidence and it begins to chip away at the self doubt and worry.

When we placed a few focal

boulders, more people stopped by and made encouraging comments. I will tell you there is a tipping point when words of encouragement

outweigh any doubt an owner might have. Then you just do what you truly love to do — build and create.

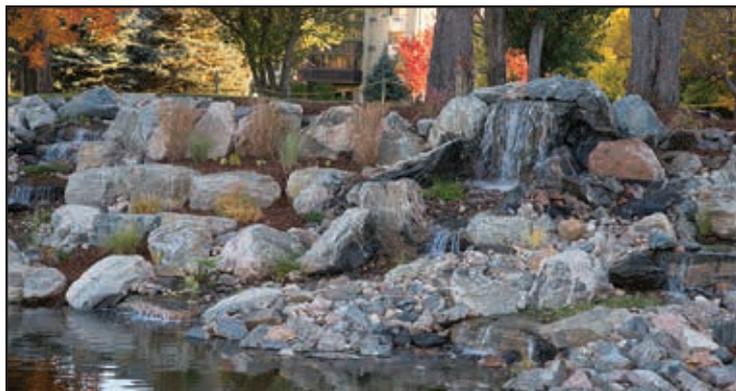
This water feature and how it turned out is a reflection of you and your attitude towards my company.

I tell the guys all the time that good projects involve great people. You folks really epitomize this. It truly was awesome and encouraging working with you each and every day. So when I say THANK YOU, I truly truly mean it from the bottom of my heart. You unleashed a creativity that has allowed this project to come together.

I will forever be grateful to everyone for the personal involvement you had in the project.

To Jeff [Owens] and Brian [Benko], THANK YOU. Thank you for believing in my small company and allowing us to do the project. I remember asking you, "Do you support us?"

Your answer was "Yes." I will



never forget that. It was awesome working with you.

Shane Hastings
Professional Ponds

Heather 'n Yon

Saturday, Oct. 8 was a beautiful day for the Optimist Pancake Breakfast. Thanks to all HG residents, friends and family who attended. Your support of the Optimist Club activities allows the club to, in turn, support Aurora Youth activities and events. The proceeds go to help The Boys and Girls Club in Aurora and Excelsior Learning Center. This is a win, win, win: good food, good socializing and worthy causes.

Once again, the Rendezvous provided the venue and the food. Thanks to Kevin and staff for the great pancakes and accommodations.

Hope to see all our regulars (some new faces, too) next spring.

We are now preparing for the an-

See facing page

GM Report...from page 15

Custodial

- Completed 16 work orders.
- Completed 10 set-ups at Clubhouse.
- Completed inspections of the Clubhouse, Restaurant, and B201-B206.
- Hired one-part time custodian.

Roads and Grounds

- Continued to work on storm damaged trees throughout the property.
- Completed 19 shrub pruning work orders.
- Removed branches that accumulated as roofs were replaced.
- Completed asphalt sealcoat application in CP1 and CP4.

- Continued with tree removals and stump grinding.
- Completed three re-grades to correct flooding issues.
- Continued herbicide treatments and weed pulling.
- Completed rock bed renovations.
- Replaced 15 bollard posts.
- Ordered replacement trees for association property.
- Installed bench pad at B216.

Golf

- Began waterfall project.
- Continued daily mowing and golf preparations.
- Began stump grinding with new skid steer attachment.
- Continued irrigation repairs.

Restaurant

- Hosted one memorial, one wedding, and 70th Birthday.
- Held Sock Hop and two late night entertainment events.

Security

- Total of 332 reports written. Total 3,531 miles patrolled.
- Attended Emergency Preparedness Committee.
- Attended Safety Committee.
- Began updating Resident Emergency Contact information and Key Release Forms.
- Met with Aurora Dispatch regarding HG Security.

Employee of the Month: Stephanie Wyche, Executive Assistant

nual Food Drive to be held the first week in December. Boxes will be placed in lobbies and mail rooms of multi-story buildings. Orange totes will be provided in CPs, THs, and the Clubhouse lobby.

Please give generously as you have in the past. Your donations are provided to various church food pantries in Aurora.

**Craig Baldwin
B242**

Heather 'n Yon

To Tell the Truth

Most of you reading this piece will remember the TV program from the 1950s, called "To Tell The Truth." On this program, four celebrities tried to identify a contestant who might have an unusual occupation or experience. Two imposters would accompany this person. The celebrities would question the three of them. The imposters were allowed to lie, but the real person is sworn to "Tell the Truth." After questioning, the panel would try to identify which of the three was "Telling the Truth."

Americans need to bring the practice of telling the truth back into our current campaign season. Sadly, many people accept the axiom, "Politicians have always lied so it doesn't really make any difference if they leave the truth behind entirely."

So who is it that appeals to you or I?

The dictionary tells me that an assertion is "a positive statement."

Some will say the politician who makes an assertion that feels true, but, has no basis in fact, is my candidate. Others will say an assertion is true if it supports my beliefs. Otherwise it's not important or false. An assertion is true, if it is factually proven or can be logically established through some degree of rationalization, otherwise it is false.

Here at HG some residents have

been subjected to unwanted emails that spew hateful, racist and biased rhetoric, from other residents. Statements have been made about candidates that are blatantly false and would fail any review for accuracy.

The need to win has clouded our common sense. We are losing our sense of decency. It's a terrible price to pay.

I hope in the few remaining days of this campaign that civility and common sense can be restored to HG and everyone will practice habits of good manners toward each other.

**Tom Fitzgerald
CP2**

Heather 'n Yon

It is with disbelief we learned of the delay in the modernization of our community's wifi and related technology improvements. We expect this is a temporary "discard" by the Board of this monumental undertaking.

This "QUALITY OF LIFE" proposal certainly ranks with the very fine decision made to create an up-to-date community center and restaurant. Not as concrete so perhaps less easy to comprehend.

We are owners in Heather Gardens since the early eighties. My sister and I joined with our mother to purchase a then-under-construction Seville unit. This was Mother's fantastic home. And her address served as our permanent address while completing a military career/life. We purchased a Town Home after retirement in 1991.

You can imagine we have witnessed the many stages of growth and maturity since the "Development" was completed and a Metro District created to complement the Homeowners' Association. Many owners with a vast array of experience and know-how have given of their time and resolve through these years in elected positions. There have been

the inevitable bumps in the road with rumors and personalities and points of view in conflict.

The elected owners who put the good of Heather Gardens at the forefront and seek the facts, not the rumors and fears, have prevailed.

We are grateful and proud to be owners in the on-going creation and growth and sustainability of Heather Gardens as a vibrant opportunity for a good life.

We have been and are pleased to contribute to its financial support to this end.

We look forward to the modernization of our "link-to-the-world" technology back on the agenda and a fact-based movement forward.

Thank you.

**Nancy and John (Dennis) Scott
NTH**

Heather 'n Yon

I learned a lot at the Sept. 30 special board meeting. Previously, questions I sent to info@hgn.net went unanswered.

1. In May 2015, an amount "not to exceed \$15,000" was approved for consulting. Amount spent to date? \$40-50,000. The board admitted they don't know how much. Where did this money come from? Apparently the general manager has a discretionary fund that he can dip into up to \$10,000. So that's an additional 3 "scoops."

2. CTC minutes did not address the effect on FHA/reverse mortgage capabilities. If there's no effect, as a CTC person cavalierly said when I asked the Board, I'd like to see proof. In writing. Citing references.

3. The contract was voided Sept. 20. *Heather 'n Yon* editor emailed me that afternoon, asking if I wanted my letter pulled. First I said yes, then no. But alas, the next morning was apparently too late to reinstate. Four other letters met the same fate on same day's notice. Or was that decision made for them?

4. Recognize "72 percent and 65 percent"? CTC has always touted these. Currently 72 percent (1,746 residents) subscribe to Comcast.

See *Letters...* page 35

Heather 'n Yon welcomes letters concerned with community issues. Letters must be signed, dated and include the writer's address and phone number. Letters may be edited for clarity. The HGA Board requires that letters longer than 300 words be returned to the writer to shorten if editing cannot do it. Letters will not be run from the same individual in successive months. Writers may publish only 4 letters per year.

NOVEMBER CALENDAR

Tue 1	Bridge (every Tuesday)	Skyview Room	12:30–4 pm
	Hand and Foot (every Tuesday)	Mountainview Room	12:30–4 pm
	Ping Pong Doubles/Intermediate (every Tuesday)	Game Room	2–5 pm
	B215 Happy Hour	Rendezvous Restaurant	5 pm
	Co-Ed Billiards Club (every Tuesday)	Billiards Room	6:30 pm
Wed 2	Mobile Post Office	Circle Driveway	11:30–11:45 am
	ACBL Duplicate Bridge (every Wednesday)	Aspen/Blue Spruce Room	1–4:30 pm
	Pinochle (every Wednesday)	Mountainview Room	1:30–4 pm
	Men's Poker (every Wednesday)	Skyview Room	4–9:45 pm
	CP1 Happy Hour	Rendezvous Restaurant	5 pm
	Square Dancing Club	Sandberg Auditorium	7:30–9:30 pm
Thu 3	HG Breakfast Optimist Club	Rendezvous Restaurant	8 am
	TOPS (every Thursday)	Blue Spruce Room	8:30–9:30 am
	HG Writers Club (every Thursday)	Mountainview Room	1–3:30 pm
	Bunko	Blue Spruce Room	1–3:30 pm
	Cribbage (every Thursday)	Arts & Crafts Room	1–3:30 pm
	Ping Pong Doubles/Intermediate (every Thursday)	Game Room	2–5 pm
	CP4 Social	Rendezvous Restaurant	5 pm
	ACBL Duplicate Bridge (every Thursday)	Blue Spruce Room	6:30–9:30 pm
	Kiwanis Club of Aurora (every Thursday)	Rendezvous Restaurant	6 pm
	Men's 9-Ball Billiard Tournament (every Thursday)	Billiards Room	7–9:30 pm
Fri 4	Men with a Purpose Coffee	Skyview Room	10 am
	Clubhouse Event: Mountain Man Fruit & Nut	Clubhouse Lobby	11:30–1:30 pm
	500 Club (every Friday)	Skyview Room	12:30–4 pm
	Mah Jongg (every Friday)	Blue Spruce Room	12:30–4 pm
	Clubhouse Matinee: The Jungle Book	Sandberg Auditorium	1 pm
	Men's Poker (every Friday)	Game Room	4–9:45 pm
	Clubhouse Movie: The Jungle Book	Sandberg Auditorium	6:30 pm
Sat 5	American Legion Veteran's Reception	Aspen Room	10 am–noon
	Mexican Train Dominoes (every Saturday)	Arts & Crafts Room	noon–4:30 pm
	Ping Pong Doubles/Intermediate (every Saturday)	Game Room	2–5 pm
	Clubhouse Event - 1st Saturday Night Live Dance	Sandberg Auditorium	6:30–9:30 pm
Mon 7	Clubhouse Event - Book Sale (all week)	Lobby	All day
	Mah Jongg (every Monday)	Blue Spruce Room	12:30–4 pm
	Men's Bridge (every Monday)	Skyview Room	1–4 pm
	Ping Pong Singles/Advanced (every Monday)	Game Room	2–5 pm
	Pinochle - Open (every Monday)	Mountainview Room	6:30–9:30 pm

Advertised Activities and Seminars

- Sat, Nov 5 Downsize and Upgrade Session, Harvard Square, 2–3 pm RSVP (See ad, p. 16)
 Sat, Nov 5 Protect Your Retirement Session, Harvard Square, 3:30–4:30 pm RSVP (See ad, p. 16)
 Mon, Nov 7 Bayer Ear Clinic (Every Monday) Arts & Craft Room, 9 am–noon (See ad, p. 40)
 Mon, Nov 14 The NEW Reverse Mortgage Seminar, Shana Judd, Skyview room 10:18–11 am (See ad, p. 9)

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Tue 8	VNA Clinic B203 and B204 Social Drinks/Dinner HG Republican Club: Election Watch Party	Blue Spruce Room Rendezvous Restaurant Aspen Room	1–3:30 pm 5 pm 7 pm
Wed 9	Clubhouse Event - Active Minds: Spices Tennis Club Social and Dinner Aviation Club	Sandberg Auditorium Rendezvous Restaurant Aspen Room	2 pm 5:30 pm 7 pm
Thu 10	Green Team	Skyview Room	noon
Fri 11	Clubhouse Event - Veteran's Day Program HG Democrat Club	Sandberg Auditorium Rendezvous Restaurant	1 pm 4 pm
Sat 12	50 and Who's Counting	Aspen/Blue Spruce Room	5:30–9:30 pm
Sun 13	Frolics Club Auditions	Sandberg Auditorium	2–5 pm
Tue 15	Genealogy Swap Shop Photography Club B205 and B206 Happy Hour	Skyview Room Aspen Room Rendezvous Restaurant	10 am 12:30 pm 5 pm
Wed 16	Colorado Symphony Guild (Hilltop SE Chapter) Community Watch with HG Security, PAR Officer CP3 Social Capitol Update with Colorado Legislators Square Dancing Club	Rendezvous Restaurant Sandberg Auditorium Rendezvous Restaurant Aspen/Blue Spruce Rooms Sandberg Auditorium	11:30 am 2:30 pm 5 pm 6:30 pm 7:30–9:30 pm
Thu 17	HG Breakfast Optimist Club Bunko Residents' Open Forum	Rendezvous Restaurant Blue Spruce Room Rendezvous Restaurant	8 am 1–3:30 pm 3 pm
Fri 18	Men with a Purpose Coffee Clubhouse Matinee: Love and Friendship Clubhouse Movie Night: Love and Friendship Clubhouse Event: Texas Hold 'em Karen Osborn	Skyview Room Sandberg Auditorium Sandberg Auditorium Aspen/Blue Spruce Room Rendezvous Restaurant	10 am 1 pm 6:30 pm 6:30 pm 4–7 pm
Sat 19	Wine and Cheese Social Club	Aspen/Blue Spruce Rooms	3–5 pm
Mon 21	VNA Clinic	Blue Spruce Room	1–3:30 pm
Tue 22	HG Republican Club	Aspen Room	1:30 pm
Wed 23	Resident Orientation Clubhouse closes early	Board Room	10 am 8 pm
Thu 24	Thanksgiving Holiday — Management Offices and Clubhouse Closed		
Fri 25	Management Offices Closed		
Mon 28	Clubhouse Event: Deck the Halls Low Vision Support Group	Clubhouse Arts & Crafts Room	9 am–noon 1:30 pm
Tue 29	Clubhouse Event: Ask a Pharmacist Caregivers Support Group	Blue Spruce Room Aspen Room	11 am 7 pm

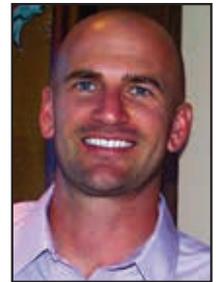
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Bible Study (Interdenominational), Wednesday 8–9 am

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Six Stone Jars Catholic Bible Study, Please join us for a journey through the Scriptures. Only requirement is your Bible. We meet @ 10:30 am Tuesdays, Sept.–May, in the Mountainview Room. For information, call Geraldine Pochowicz, 303-740-6105, or email gerry.pochowicz@comcast.net.

Rosary Prayer Group - meets every Tuesday, 9 am, in the Aspen Room. For information, call Joe, 913-526-4177.

Catholic Mass - Saturday, 1 pm, Sandberg Auditorium. All HG residents are welcome. Father Terry Kissell presiding.

Chapel (Interdenominational Church Service) - 11 am, Sunday, Sandberg Auditorium. Reverend Bill Cheyne.

Bible Study - Sunday, 10 am, Mountainview Room. Leader: Reverend Bill Cheyne.

Coffee Time - 3rd Sunday, prior to the chapel service.

Prayer Meeting - 2nd Thursday, 2 pm.

Heather 'n Yon Deadline - 11/14

• Monthly Meetings • Boards and Committees

- Communications – 10 am Tue, Nov. 1
- Golf – 1 pm Tue, Nov. 1
- Long Range Planning – 10 am Wed, Nov. 2
- Civic Affairs – 10 am Thu, Nov. 3
- Foundation – 1:30 am Wed, Nov. 9
- Budget & Finance – 10 am Mon, Nov. 14
- HGA Board – 1 pm Tue, Nov. 15**
- Emergency Prepare – 1 pm Wed, Nov. 16
- HGMD Board – 1 pm Thu, Nov. 17**
- Resident Open Forum – 3 pm Thu, Nov. 17
(Rendezvous)
- Clubhouse/Rest – 9 am Tue, Nov. 22
- Campus Tech – 10 am Tue, Nov. 22
- Roads and Grounds – 10 am Tue, Nov. 29
- Structure Maintenance – 1 pm Tue, Nov. 29

FYI

Ham Radio Operators

If you are a Ham Radio Operator, the HG Emergency Preparedness Committee would like to talk to you. The committee is considering using Ham Radio as a backup communication system in an extended emergency situation. A local repeater may be installed in the near future. If you are a Ham Operator, and would be interested, please send the following information: Name, Address, Phone, Email, and Ham Call Sign. Send to: Rudy Morris, B217, rudymorris4@gmail.com, 817-240-9394 (cell).

Year-round disposal options

There are many ways to safely dispose of chemicals all year round. Check out some of these options:

Paint: PaintCare, a statewide program, has partnered with numerous retail stores to accept unwanted paint free of charge. For details and a store near you, go to paintcare.org/Colorado. Sherwin-Williams, 3106 S Parker Rd, 2832 S Havana St. Ste 1, or 1701 Chambers Rd. All in Aurora.

Dried paint can be thrown away — just remove the lid and let it dry. Or, spread it out and mix with kitty litter.

CFLs: Most major home improvement stores recycle compact fluorescent light bulbs.

Batteries: Most major home improvement and electronic stores accept batteries for recycling.

Electronics: Electronics stores often accept items free of charge.

Adams County Museum

*Christmas Past and Present
5–9 pm Wednesday, Nov. 9*

Strolling carolers, demonstrations, cookies & hot chocolate. All the buildings decorated inside and out. Food by Santiagos available for purchase while supplies last! 9601 Henderson Road, Brighton, CO. 303-659-7103

Global Progress

Worldwide: Violence is falling in almost all its forms, and the world is a far safer place than at any point over the past few centuries. There are clearly exceptions, notably the war in Syria. Even in the United States, violent crime has ticked up over the past couple of years, but as Steven Pinker of Harvard University says, this is “just a wiggle in a curve that’s been going down, down, down.” (Foreign Affairs, Vox)

France: A new law bans all plastic cups, cutlery and plates — other than those made of compostable, biologically sourced materials. Due to come into effect in 2020, the regulation is part of the country’s Energy Transition for Green Growth Act, an initiative seeking to make France an “exemplary nation” in its contribution to tackling climate change. The secretary-general of Pack2Go Europe, a Brussels-based organiza-

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VNA Senior Wellness Clinics

Charges: Toenail Cutting (includes blood pressure) \$45 (1st visit, 1 hour), \$35 (returning client); Fingernail trim \$15; Blood Pressures \$3; B-12 Shots (serum supplied by client) \$15, Glucose \$5. *If you cannot keep your appointment, please cancel or you will be charged \$5.* Have exact cash amount or checks, made out to “VNA.” The clinic has no change.

Schedule:

Tuesday, Nov. 8, 1–3:30 pm, Blue Spruce Room, Rebecca Hodgkins, 303-728-4368, or Barbara McShane

Monday, Nov. 21, 1–3:30 pm, Blue Spruce Room, Blanche McKinney, 303-751-6444

Note: Kaiser covers 100% medical foot care for some patients. Call 303-698-6496 to verify coverage. Or call Trudy Schneider, 303-755-2683, for information.

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HG *only* needs 65 percent (1,577) to make this work. However, if you currently have *single* play, you must upgrade or be booted out and NOT have service. This begs the question. How many of that 72 percent are single play, TV only? Surprise! *31 percent*, decreasing the pool to 41 percent from which to get 65 percent. Sounds like Washington, doesn't it? 752 residents will be left without service. And this is good for the community?

Since Comcast failed, why does this matter? CTC is *already* pursuing other vendors. Has HG not learned that now is not the time to be making any kind of technology commitment?

Please go to committee meetings. Be heard.

**Deb Smith
CP2**

Heather 'n Yon

The HGA Board recently made a decision that is not only surprising, but shortsighted — not to pursue further discussions re any “bulk discount” contract with Comcast. This is just at the point when the technology committee managed to get the company to come to the table and discuss such concessions.

This committee, created over 2 years ago, worked hard to educate themselves and the Board about myriad technical details, finances, broadband, fiber optics, etc., that are all involved, or might be involved, in our current and future services. The committee did an admirable job informing themselves and a sample representation of residents. But the Board itself doesn't seem to have been paying attention — not to what's been learned, nor what's at stake.

If you live here and want internet and a diverse TV selection, you are pretty much limited to 2 options: Comcast or a satellite dish. With the dish, you have to get the internet elsewhere. CenturyLink can provide it. But... this second choice is not available to nearly 2/3 of our residents. Their unit orientation does

not allow for satellite service. So, it's Comcast for most of us. They dictate the (exorbitant) price because they can. The cost is a major one in most of our monthly budgets, I would guess.

I believe the Board doesn't want to talk with Comcast because ... they don't like them. Well, that's the point, isn't it? I don't like the Comcast deal either. But not talking to them leaves Comcast in the monopoly driver's seat. Negotiating with them costs us nothing. There is more than a good possibility of a better deal. We can always say no. And, of course, it's the technology committee who should conduct the talks. The Board doesn't have the time nor the necessarily specialized knowledge.

**Tom Nugent
B221**

Heather 'n Yon

The Heather Gardens (HG) Optimist Club would welcome any past information on how the Optimist Club was started at HG. We would like to hear from any former Optimist member so we can put together an Archive file. Names, photographs, projects or anything of interest will be most appreciated. Please contact me, 720-535-1917. Thank you.

**Jean Baldwin
B242**

Heather 'n Yon

I want to say how much I love the stripes on the road on East Marina Drive for several reasons. The first

is that I am not a confident bike rider on a city street. I believe I will feel much more comfortable and safe riding in the bike lane.

The second is that I CAN NOT go more than

20–25 miles per hour while staying in the stripes in my car. It seems to be physically impossible. That makes me happy because I will not catch myself speeding, nor will others be able to speed.

The entrance to HG at Yale Avenue is also working much more smoothly. Drivers are very clear about where to go.

Thanks to the City of Aurora and HG for coordinating and implementing this safety improvement.

**Nancy Henson
STH**

Heather 'n Yon

Have you seen the bench on the Golf Course, behind B210? When the slats broke, someone repaired it, then applied red paint. However, the red paint they sprayed on was applied badly, covering part of the black metal work. (See photo below.)

If anyone is checking out the grounds in order to purchase a unit at HG notices this, they might think the maintenance crew is really bad. I think the maintenance people need to take the bench into their shop, strip the paint. Maybe the slates should be replaced properly (including screwing in the strip under the center of the seat, which wasn't done). Then it could be put back in place. Just a thought.

**Dick Oakes
B215**

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Above: The bench behind B210 on the Golf Course that was poorly painted.



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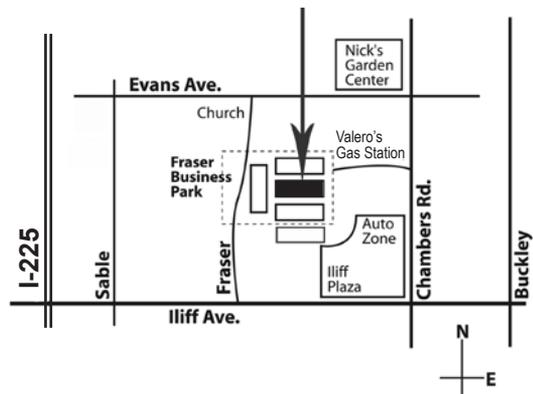
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Heather 'n Yon

Code of conduct.

Let it start at the top!

When the general manager and all managers do not:

- Yell at residents
- Talk condescendingly to residents
- Insult residents
- Talk demeaning to residents
- Forget that residents pay their salary
- "Go the extra mile" to listen and be kind
- Respond negatively without considering problem solving solutions

These are just a few suggestions from personal experience.

In conclusion, did anyone add the single residents (1,157), plus the households with two residents (680), plus the households with three residents (22)? I do not think that adds up to 2,584, as General Manager's report said.

Elizabeth Langley
CP5



CP Chimneys

Repairs to CP chimneys, in sequence. Boxes of thin brick (above left) await being applied to the refurbished chimney in CP1 (above). Like applying tile to a wall, the thin brick is "glued" to the sealed chimney (left and below).

Photos by Rudy Morris, B217



Voting in the 2016 General Election

Ballots were mailed to all active voters in October. Ballot drop-box locations opened at the same time. Closest drop-box for HG residents in the HG Clubhouse.

Beginning Oct. 24, early voting at Voter Service and Polling Centers Open. The closest sites for HG residents: St. Andrews Village (9 am–3 pm) every day until Nov. 8) and Mission Viejo Library, 15324 E Hampden Cir (9 am–5 pm)

Tuesday, Nov. 8 is the last day to vote! Voting locations open 7 am–7 pm. Ballots must be received by 7 pm.

You can track your ballot online. Sign up at www.ArapahoeVotes.com. It will notify you when your ballot has been sent and received by Arapahoe County Elections.

If you are not yet registered to vote, you can still do it two ways:

- By Oct. 31, if you register to vote by mail or online through www.govotecolorado.com and wish to receive a ballot by mail
- By 7 pm on Election Day, visit one of the Voter Service and Polling Centers in your county to register to vote in-person and request a ballot.

Election questions: 303-795-4511; www.ArapahoeVotes.com

Clubs and Organizations

Joppa Daylight Lodge AF & AM

All Master Masons living in HG are invited to attend Joppa Daylight Lodge. We meet the first and third Tuesdays of the month at Radiant Temple, 225 Acoma St., Denver. Lunch is at 11:30 am, and Lodge is at 12:15 pm.

We are the only lodge that meets during the day in the Denver metro area. For information, call Bill Rapp, 303-953-1021.

Meditation Group

This group meets once a week, 10:30 am Wednesdays, in CP1. Offers a practical method to relax, focus, and improve the quality of your life. Free. Call Carl, 720-495-9979, for more information.

CP1

Our happy hour is held 5 pm in Rendezvous' Banquet Room on the first Wednesday of each month. See you on Nov. 2!

HG Breakfast Optimist Club

Have you ever thought of becoming an Optimist? This club, started in 1978, is a service organization focusing on youth in our community. We meet at 7:55 am in Rendezvous, alternate Thursdays, and provide a complimentary buffet breakfast to first timers. For reservations, contact Jeannine Montgomerie, 309-310-5315 or jmntg.1229@gmail.com.

Please join us. The speakers for November:

Nov. 3: Teena Barnett, Director of Therapy Services, "Team Building Dynamics."

Nov. 17: Dr. Steve Gumpenberger, "Understanding Your Health Potential."

TOPS

Take off pounds sensibly (TOPS) is so much more than just a weight loss group, or a diet group, or a support group, or a nutritional group, or a group that talks about how the food we eat affects our health. We are all of the above.

Did we mention we also are the least expensive weight loss group around? At only \$32 a year and 15¢ a meeting, it's a real bargain. We meet at 8:30 am every Thursday in the Blue Spruce Room. Come in around 8:15 am, so we can all say "hi" and welcome you.

The meeting ends at 9:30 am. We pack that hour with fun, support and education. Guests are welcome. For information, call or text Sandy Marthaler, 720-220-2678.

HG Writers Club

Whether you're just beginning to put pen to paper or you are a published author, we invite you to join us for a time of education, fellowship and inspiration. New members are always welcome.

We currently meet 1–3:30 pm every Thursday in a Clubhouse room. Please contact Joanne Brand, 303-750-9722, for further information. We look forward to meeting you.

CP4

Our monthly socials are 5 pm at Rendezvous, the first Thursday of the month. Come meet your neighbors. Ordering food is optional. – Carol Drollinger

League of Women Voters

The League of Women Voters of Arapahoe and Douglas Counties (LWVADC) will not meet during November and December. LWVADC

will resume meeting in January 2017. For information, please call Charlotte Faris, 303-690-8466, or Mary Lou Scott, 303-481-8898.

Kiwanis Club of Aurora

The club is a member of a global organization of volunteers, dedicated to changing the world, one child and one community at a time. The club meets 6 pm Thursdays at the Rendezvous Restaurant at HG.

We also are on the web: Aurora-co.kiwanisone.org. For more information, call Rich Richardson, 303-368-5747.

Men with Purpose

A group of men, with diversified backgrounds, gather to discuss timely topics regarding healthy aging and purposeful retirement. Books and articles relating to these topics are discussed by group members.

Leadership is shared. Men With Purpose meets the first and third Fridays of each month, 10–11 am, in the Skyview Room. For further information, contact Gene Dawson, 720-535-9672.

50 & Who's Counting?

Please join us for our Thanksgiving meeting 5:30 pm Saturday, Nov. 12, in the Blue Spruce Room. We will supply the turkey, gravy, and mashed potatoes for an old-fashioned Thanksgiving dinner. We are asking for side dishes and desserts.

It is necessary for those who are attending to RSVP before Nov. 7, so that we will know how much turkey we will need. RSVP to Sandy Brent, 720-281-7906, as soon as you can.

Parkinson Support Group

The Parkinson Support Group of Aurora meets on the second Tuesday of each month. The group meets at the Life Care Center of Aurora, 1–3 pm, at 14101 E. Evans Ave.

B203 and B204

B203 and B204 hold a combined social, meeting at Rendezvous on the second Tuesday of each month, 5 pm, for drinks and dinner. – Laurel McClaren, 303 337 2686

Attention donkeys, elephants, and any anyone else! There will be an **Election Night TV Watch Party**, Tuesday, Nov. 8, starting at 7 pm in the Aspen Room. Join your neighbors, and watch the developing returns as the polls close in East and Central time zones.

Then watch local [Colorado] race returns.

Hot beverages and scrumptious desserts will be served.

RSVP to Ruth Prendergast, 303-632-7873, by Sunday, Nov. 6.

HG Aviation Club

The next meeting will be the 7 pm Wednesday, Nov. 9, in the Aspen Room. The program is still under development, so watch the Clubhouse bulletin boards for news. For additional information, contact Rudy Morris, rudymorris4@gmail.com, 817-240-9394.

In October, the Aviation Club held a program on the very rare Super Corsair — only 10 were ever built. Two survive. Only one is flying today. The Super Corsair was a modified F4U Corsair, but equipped with the P&W 4360 Wasp Major engine — four banks with seven cylinders each for a total of 28 cylinders.

This monster engine put out 3000+ HP. Post WW2 surplus planes raced at National Air Races in Cleveland, Ohio. Several short videos and a Power Point presentation illustrated some really interesting aviation history.

The Green Team

The next meeting will be noon Thursday, Nov. 10, in the Skyview Room. Anyone who is interested in environmental issues, and our legacy for our children and grandchildren, is welcome. Contact Wendy, 303-306-0066, for more information.

HG Democrats

Please plan to attend a special end-of-the campaign celebration at 4 pm Friday, Nov. 11, in the Rendezvous Banquet Room. There will be no speeches — just snacks. I will buy the first 20 people a drink as a part of the celebration.

It will also be an opportunity for me to thank so many of you who worked so hard during these many months. As many of you know, this meeting will bring to a close my time as the leader of the HG Democratic Club. I will look forward to hearing what the New Year will bring for the club's activity in 2017.

Questions? Call Tom Fitzgerald, 303-338-4360.

Frolics Club

The club held its annual Open House in October to recruit new members and performers for next

year's show. Auditions will be held 2–5 pm Sunday, Nov. 13, in Sandberg Auditorium.

Please bring a recorded CD or an instrument of your choice for the audition. If you would like to join the Frolics Club, and be a part of the cast or crew for performances, please call John Murphy, 303-671-0123, or Barbara Schneller, 303-923-3992. — M. Mines

Ports of Call Singles

The original Ports of Call Singles (POCS) group is seeking new members. We recently celebrated our 35th anniversary.

The club holds two social hours per month. The first is 4–6 pm on the second Monday of each month, at Senior Ric's.

The second monthly social is 4–6 pm, on the fourth Thursday, at Baker St. Pub. Call JoAnn Cunningham, B241, 303-751-5195, membership chair, for the monthly newsletter and additional information.

Aurora Christian Women's Vital Network

We invite you to join us the third Tuesday of the month, 9:30–11 am, in Blossoms at Windsor Gardens. We have a special feature that is always interesting, and a speaker who has an uplifting message.

We have brunch, which costs \$13, including tax and tip. Everyone is welcome. For information, call Mae Shockley, 720-748-2508.

Genealogy Swap Shop

If you are interested in finding your ancestors and tracing your family history, please join us on the third Tuesday of each month, 10 am–noon, Skyview Room. For information, contact Harold Thompson, 720-748-7090, or Ruth Miller, 720-535-4954.

Photo Club

The Photo Club meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 12:30 in Aspen Room.

B205 and B206

Happy hour is 5 pm on the third Tuesday each month in Rendezvous. Join us!

Colorado Symphony Guild–Hilltop/Southeast Chapter

The Hilltop/South unit of the Colorado Symphony Guild meets over lunch the third Wednesday of each month at Rendezvous. A business meeting starts at 11:30 am. We invite new members to join us.

RSVPs are required. For further information, call Connie Reger, 720-535-6485.

CP3

The CP3 Social meets 5 pm the third Wednesday of each month in Rendezvous Restaurant.

Wine & Cheese Social Club

Come, join us on the third Saturday of each month, 3–5 pm. We get together in the Aspen/Blue Spruce Room. Everyone is welcome. Bring a bottle of wine and a snack. Enjoy socializing with other HG neighbors.

Entertainment is provided. If you have a talent you want to share, we invite you to join in. — Karen McClauray

HG Republican Club

Joy Hoffman, Chair of the Arapahoe County Republican Party, is the guest speaker at the regular meeting 1:30 pm Tuesday, Nov. 22, Aspen Room. To open the meeting, Joy will discuss the results of the Nov. 8 National Election. She will follow with an open conversation about plans for the future among Colorado Republicans. Your ideas and suggestions are important and welcome for evaluation. We look forward to seeing you there.

Seville Recreation Association

SRA meets the fourth Monday of every month, 10 am, in a different Seville building each month. For information: Joe Moore, 303-671-4653.

Low Vision Support Group

Our no-cost meetings are held the fourth Monday of the month, 1:30 pm, Mountainview Room. We hope you will join us. Marsha Bergen, 720-535-5224.

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Billiard Club

The club's play schedule is: Co-ed 8-Ball, 7 pm Tuesdays; Men's 9-Ball, 7 pm Thursdays.

Annual dues of \$9 are payable on January 1 of each year. All new players are welcome.

Questions? Call Sean Kelliher, 720-427-6174.

Ladies Golf Club

What a great 2016 season. Did we have fun or what?

The Fall Awards Luncheon on Oct. 5, attended by 40 golfers, was a huge success. Club Champion JoAnn Fitch received the trophy, and award money was presented to the golfers for each flight who showed the best improvement in "ringers."

A huge thank you goes out to Bonnie McMullen for her excellent leadership, and great sense of humor, as the 2016 Club president. She will be president again in 2017, and all the other 2016 officers will serve another term: Vice President Pat Reichert, Secretary Mary Thornton, and Treasurer Mary Frevert.

The tournament with Fitzsimons

Ladies, Oct. 6, and the Helpers Tournament on Oct. 12 both were cancelled, due to weather. Our last board meeting for the season was 1 pm October 26.

Tournament Winners Sept. 21

Flight A

- 1st Charlane Pluckeck
- 2nd Joyce Laffea
- 3rd Debbie Madril

Flight B

- 1st Connie Burns, Susan Brennan
- 2nd Barb Tucker

Flight C

- 1st Diane Dean
- 2nd Cindy Belz
- 3rd Margaret Morton

Flight D

- 1st Candia Lang
- 2nd Sharon Hartenbach
- 3rd Lorayne Rosenfeldt

September 28

Flight A

- 1st Shirley, Hendren, Joyce Laffea
- 2nd Charlane Pluckeck, Sandra King, Susie Platt

Flight B

- 1st Paula Hammond, Trudy Marquardt, Bonnie McMullen

Flight C

- 1st Margaret Morton
- 2nd Diane Dean, Gini Klein

Flight D

- 1st Joyce Angel
- 2nd Lorayne Rosenfeldt

3rd Christina Toon,
JoAnn Cunningham

For new membership information, please contact Carolyn Manly, 303-745-1060, or complete the new members Application Form (located on our website), and drop it off at the HG Pro Shop or the HGLGC mail slot located in the Clubhouse. Also, check out our website at www.heathergardensladiesgolfclub.com for additional HGLGC information.

HG ACBL Duplicate Bridge

This club plays 1 pm Wednesdays and 6:30 pm Thursdays in Blue Spruce Room. Help setting up is appreciated, so come early.

For more information, call John Osterberg, 720-535-1038, or Merrily VanZevern, 720-282-3199. For partnership information, call Corley Freisen, 303-872-3308.

Square Dancing

Fun, exercise, and friendship. Come square dance on the first and third Wednesdays of each month, 7:30–9:30 pm, Sandberg Auditorium. Bob Riggs is the caller.

All square dancers are welcome. Call Dolores Bendekgey with questions, 720-747-4666. Cost: \$5 per person.

Bunko

Bunko is played 1–3:30 pm on the first and third Thursdays of each month in the Blue Spruce Room. For information: Debbie Brooks, 303-923-3809.

HG Men's Golf Club

Our golf season has officially come to a close; the days are shorter, and it is getting a little colder. In October, the club sent a check for \$4,700 to the Disabled American Veterans (DAV). This money will be used by DAV to transport veterans, in Colorado, to and from their appointments with the VA.

Tournament Results September 16

A Flight

- 1st White
- 2nd Bender
- 3rd Maestas
- 4th Vern Thompson, Leavy, Bushman

Clubs...from page 39

Caregivers Support Group

This group meets on the last Tuesday of the month, 7–8:30 pm, in the Aspen Room. The group is open to all residents of HG who provide care for family or friends.

The object is to meet for fellowship, fun, education, and to solve our problems together. It is a chance to meet others in the same situation, and to learn how we each meet the challenges of caregiving. For more information, call Nancy Fuhr, 303-337-4890.

Woodshop Meeting

The next Woodshop Club meeting will be at 4 pm Wednesday, Dec. 7, in the Mountainview Room. Please join us and bring your ideas, concerns and expertise. – Jim Sollecchio

HG Grief Support

Grief is the price of love. Our support group is a means to help you through the loss of your loved one. We give education, support and guidance. Eight-week sessions are held at the HG Clubhouse.

We care. For more information about the next HG Grief Support group, please call Joanne Brand, 303-750-9722.

B Flight

- 1st Krell
- 2nd Liss, Binder
- 3rd J. Deal
- 4th Dipaolo, Larry

C Flight

- 1st Gallegos
- 2nd Marquardt, Wall
- 3rd Jensen, Budden

D Flight

- 1st Brown
- 2nd McCollom
- 3rd Robinson, Sellers, Bill Riley

E Flight

- 1st Scally
- 2nd Huegel
- 3rd Corliss

September 23

A Flight

- 1st Finder
- 2nd Henrie
- 3rd J. Bender
- 4th Bushman, JM McLaughlin, Buck

B Flight

- 1st Krell, DiPaolo
- 2nd Larry, Zipps
- 3rd Fitzgerald, Hileman

C Flight

- 1st B. Chavez
- 2nd Virgil Thompson, Gallegos
- 3rd Good
- 4th Connolly, Dunne

D Flight

- 1st Sellers
- 2nd Romero
- 3rd Richardson, Murphy
- 4th McMullen, Bamford

E Flight

- 1st Gilchrist
- 2nd Maitland
- 3rd Heugel

September 30

A Flight

- 1st Bender
- 2nd Finder
- 3rd Vern Thompson, Kunish, Bushman, Buck
- 4th Oakland

B Flight

- 1st Krell, Fitzgerald
- 2nd DiPaolo

C Flight

- 1st Connolly
- 2nd Good
- 3rd Gallegos, Virgil Thompson

D Flight

- 1st Brown
- 2nd Mathieson
- 3rd Robinson
- 4th Sellers, Bamford

E Flight

- 1st Heugel
- 2nd Miller
- 3rd Tellis, Maitland

If there are any questions, please call me – Rich Richardson, 303-368-5647.

Mexican Train Dominoes

We play noon–4 pm every Saturday, Arts & Crafts Room. Games start at noon and at 2 pm. For information, call Viola, 720-535-5638, or Peggy, 303-752-4696.

Mah Jongg

We meet 12:30–4 pm every Monday and Friday, Blue Spruce Room, except the third Monday of each month, when the VNA has Blue Spruce. Then we meet in the Arts & Crafts Room, where three card tables are set up for us.

You must have the latest Mah Jongg League card. We play for a maximum of \$3 — bring your nickels, dimes and quarters.

All HG players are welcome. For information: Lorraine Solomon, 303-696-8771.

Men's Bridge

This group meets every Monday, 1–4 pm, in the Skyview Room. Call Maris Kuga, 720-748-0590.

Ping Pong

Fun and free. Friendly competition, great exercise. Come and join us in playing table tennis.

Beginning players may meet on Fridays at 2 pm, but you need to call Hope Goetz, 303-750-2881, and she can arrange for an advanced player to come help you learn the rules, and teach you to play. Bring a friend with whom to play.

The advanced and intermediate players both are welcome Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, 2–3:30 pm, Game Room. See you there.

Pinochle

Evening Pinochle meets 6:30–9:30 pm Monday nights in the Moun-

tainview Room. For information, call Ann Gagliardi, 303-332-2163.

Afternoon Pinochle meets the second and fourth Wednesdays, 1:30–4 pm, Mountainview Room. We only play for fun and entertainment. With questions, call Virginia Walcher, 303-632-8039.

Tennis Club

The monthly tennis social will continue on the second Wednesday, 5 pm, in Rendezvous. All current players, ex-high school or college players, tennis enthusiasts, or wanna-be players are welcome to these gatherings.

Pickleball

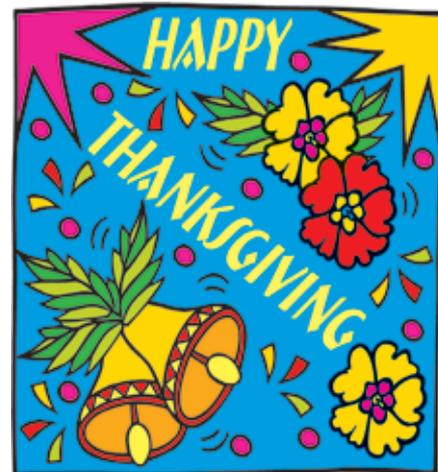
The schedule for Pickleball will be emailed to everyone on the Pickleball email list for November. We will play mostly outdoors, in the afternoon, on the HG Pickleball Courts, on Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday, or indoors when Sandberg Auditorium is available, now that the weather is getting colder. We always welcome new Pickleball players, so come join us. Enjoy this fast growing sport!

Our free Pickleball clinics have ended, and we hope will be given again in the spring.

To see this fun sport in action check out: plaidflannel.com/pickleball. If you want to learn more about Pickleball, or get on the Pickleball roster, call Rosalie, 303-751-1226, or Judy, 303-369-6258.

Hiking

Our last hike of the year was Oct. 25. This marked the end of the hiking season.



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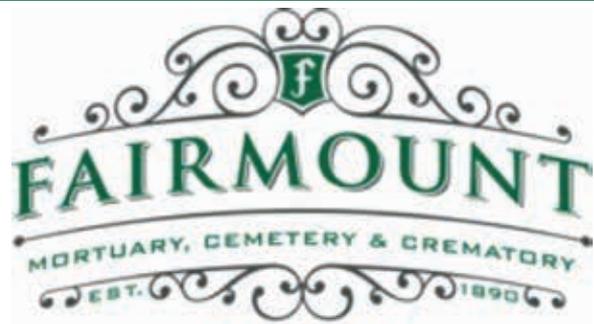
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Employee Recognition

Employee of the Month

From the beginning, when Stephanie Wyche started working for HG, it was apparent she was going to be successful in her position.

Stephanie goes about her business in a quiet but friendly manner. Much of the time she is working behind the scenes. Her impact in making sure the office runs smoothly often goes unnoticed.

It wasn't until she was out of the office for a few months this summer that it became glaringly obvious to me, the board and committee members, and HG staff just how much she does, week in and week out, to keep us all on task.

Stephanie takes on the duties of her position as well as any new projects with a positive attitude. She plays an

important role in the coordination of the governance of HG.

It is easy to see how much she means to HG by how things get when she's not around.

For these reasons and many others, I am pleased to announce Stephanie Wyche as Employee of the Month for September 2016.

– Calvin White, CMCA
General Manager



Stephanie Wyche
Executive Assistant

HGMD Foundation

The Waterfall project is complete! And, it is truly an exciting landmark in our Community. Due to the generosity of you the HG Residents, slightly over \$100,000 was made available to complete this wonderful addition that will stand for many, many years.

To date, donations to the Foundation Fund have been \$2,378 for the year and expenditures have been \$36,954, for the same period.

Donations to the General Fund, September 2016

- B217 in memory of Bob Cassidy
- Mountain Man Candies (two donations)
- HG Bridge Club in Memory of Kyle Kriegsmann

Donations to the Tree Fund, September (and late August) 2016

- Marian Florman in memory of Lynn Steckman and Shirley Scott
- Ruth Guy in memory of Lynn Steckman and Shirley Scott

- Dorothea Whalen in memory of Lynn Steckman and Shirley Scott
- Eileen Shilling in memory of Lynn Steckman and Shirley Scott
- Doyne Ballard in memory of Carolyn Cullip
- Marilyn Barnes in memory of Carolyn Cullip
- Jackie Patterson in memory of Lynn Steckman and Shirley Scott
- B215 in Memory of Kathy Phillips
- B215 in Memory of Carolyn Cullip

Thank you to all committee members who volunteer their time and energy on behalf of HG. THANK YOU to all who continue to donate.

– Ed Kurtz

HGMD Board and Chair, Foundation Committee



Above: Members of the Foundation Committee toasted the successful completion of a project — the new waterfall on the #9 tee box on the Golf Course. From left: Chair Ed Kurtz, Carolyn Manly, NTH; Jean Baldwin, B242; Blanche McKinney, B215; Mavis Richardson, CP3; and Jeanne Hizer, B232. Photo at left shows the waterfall when lit at night.

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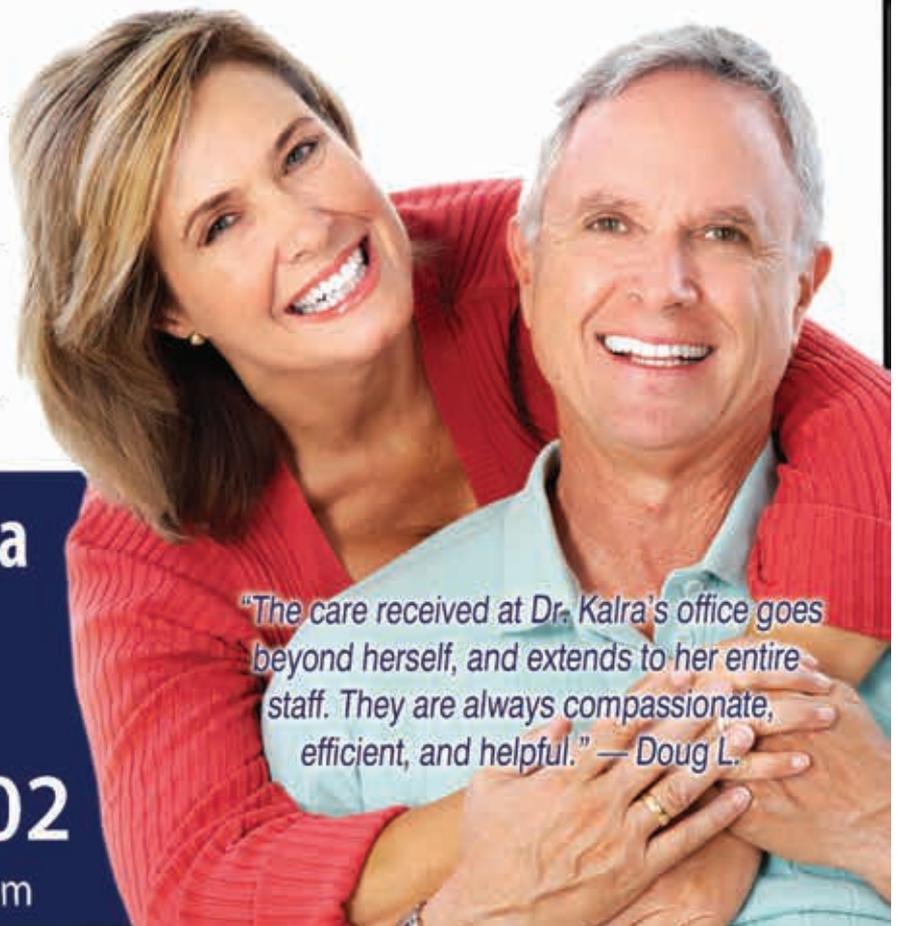
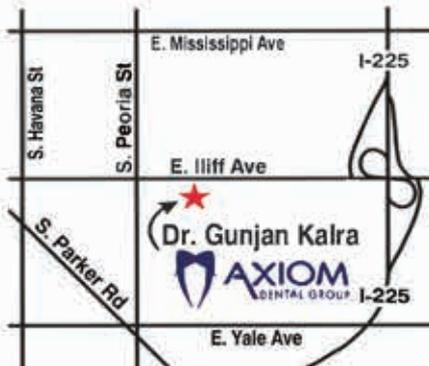
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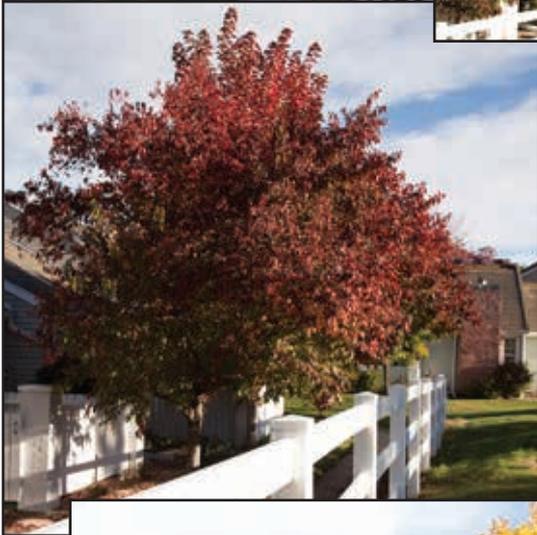
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Fall at HG



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Signup deadline: Nov. 17

Cost: \$23

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National Geographic Live

Wednesday, Nov. 16, 10 am

Lone Tree Arts Center

Signup deadline: Nov. 1

Cost: \$21

Join Bryan Smith, an award-winning filmmaker for the National Geographic Channel, as he shares gripping moments from his assignments to document extreme feats and high adventure in the world's most challenging environments. An experienced kayaker who had paddled steep rivers in India, Peru, and Russia, Smith was inspired to take up video photography while protesting a hydroelectric dam.

Denver Concert Band: Seasonal Sensations

Saturday, Nov. 19, 2:30 pm

Lone Tree Arts Center

Signup Deadline: Nov. 1

Cost: \$20

The Denver Concert Band presents its second concert of their formal season. This also ties in with the opening of the new Lone Tree Library, and will feature music of arts and literature, as well as a prelude to the holidays.

Wait List

Denver MountainAires: Holiday Harmony

Saturday, Dec. 3, 2 pm

Arvada West High School

Signup deadline: Nov. 12

Cost: \$11

This festive holiday celebration with four-part barbershop harmony and a handbell choir will get you in the Christmas spirit! Enjoy the holiday cheer and reverent reminder of the reason for the season as we elevate your spirits with harmonizing voices and majestic bells, all brought together in a glorious finale of resonant men's voices and sparkling women's voices and heavenly handbells in joyous celebration!

I'll Be Home For Christmas

Wednesday, Dec. 7, 1 pm

Arvada Center

Signup deadline: Nov. 16

Cost: \$57

Set in 1969, the Bright family prepares for their annual Christmas variety show — one of the most-watched and anticipated television events of the year. In the midst of rehearsals, they welcome their eldest son home from the war. A decorated hero, and former teen idol, Simon is challenged by his return to civilian life and the expectation and anticipation of performing again. *I'll Be Home For Christmas* is set in the hours leading up to and during the live TV broadcast, featuring rich costumes, great dance numbers and exciting new music along with many seasonal favorites. Includes buffet style lunch.

Sound Of The Rockies: Welcome Christmas

Saturday, Dec. 10, 2 pm

Newman Center

Signup deadline: Nov. 19

Cost: \$24

Sound of the Rockies presents its annual Christmas Spectacular. Sound of the Rockies chorus is the all-male performance chorus of the Mile High Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society, an organization of over 25,000 men of all ages, from all walks of life, who love to sing a cappella harmony in the barbershop style.

Holiday Lights

Monday, Dec. 5, 6 pm, DT Denver

Signup deadline: Nov. 14

Tuesday, Dec. 13, 6 pm, DT Denver

Signup deadline: Nov. 22

Monday, Dec. 19, 6 pm, DT Denver

Signup deadline: Nov. 28

Cost \$3

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It's A Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play

Wednesday, Dec. 14, 1:30 pm

Lone Tree, Main Stage

Signup deadline: Nov 23

Cost: \$38

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The Nutcracker

Saturday, Dec. 17, 1 pm
Ellie Caulkins Opera House
Signup deadline: Nov. 26
Cost: \$68

Colorado Ballet's 56th annual production of *The Nutcracker* will feature more than 300 costumes, 30 company dancers, 20 studio company dancers, 65 academy dancers, scenery by José Varona and timeless choreography. Tchaikovsky's extraordinary arrangement is performed live by the Colorado

Ballet Orchestra. Colorado Ballet's captivating presentation of *The Nutcracker* remains the "gold standard" because it is largest production of the holiday favorite in Colorado.

Finding Neverland

Wednesday, Dec. 21, 2 pm
The Buell Theatre
Signup deadline: Nov. 30
Cost: \$60

Finding Neverland tells the incredible story behind one of the world's most beloved characters: Peter Pan.

Playwright J.M. Barrie struggles to find inspiration until he meets four young brothers and their beautiful widowed mother. Spellbound by the boys' enchanting make-believe adventures, he sets out to write a play that will astound London theatergoers. With a little bit of pixie dust and a lot of faith, Barrie takes this monumental leap, leaving his old world behind for Neverland, where nothing is impossible and the wonder of childhood lasts forever.



Marilyn Miciek, B221, photographed this spectacular sunset from HG on Sept. 30.

Aurora Places: Planning tomorrow's city Share your vision with us

Even if you weren't able to attend the workshops in September, the City of Aurora is still collecting feedback from residents and businesses to help craft Aurora Places — the city's "road map" for the next 10 to 20 years. Visit www.auroraplacesplan.com to complete a survey, create your own interactive map, sign up for our newsletter and stay informed as the plan progresses.

Better yet, contact Parrish Gibson, 303-739-7194, auroraplaces@auroragov.org to get your own Do-It-Yourself Workshop kit. Gather some friends, neighbors, a book club, a church group, a civic organization or anyone else that you meet with regularly, and use this simple kit to host your own one-hour workshop. Just slip the completed responses into the mail in the postage-paid, addressed envelope, and it will be added to the feedback that has already been gathered.

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Saturday, Nov. 5, 10 am–noon, Aspen Room

FREE: No registration required

Come, learn about the benefits of belonging to the American Legion and what the VA benefits are for veterans and spouses. Refreshments served. For more information, call Albert Foxworthy, 303-364-8620.

1st Saturday Night Live Dance

Saturday, Nov. 5, 6:30–9:30 pm, Sandberg Auditorium

Music by Perfect Harmony 4

Fee: HG resident, \$5

Non-resident and on the day of event, \$7

Enjoy an evening of dance, good music and good friends. There will be dance hosts, mixer dances and light refreshments. Alcoholic beverages can be purchased at the restaurant bar prior to 7 pm. Bar opens at the dance at 7 pm. Note: Dance hosts receive complimentary admission, and the event can always use more volunteers for that pleasant task.

Veteran's Day Program

Monday Nov. 7, 8 am, Overland High School

All are cordially invited to attend Overland High School Veteran's Day Program.

8 am in the IST Lecture Center for a breakfast reception, 9 am in the OHS Auditorium for presentation

If you would like to attend and be recognized, RSVP by Wed, Nov. 2, to Susie Ruiz, 720-747-3872.

Active Minds: Spices

Wednesday, Nov. 9, 2 pm, Sandberg Auditorium

FREE: Registration requested, call 303-751-1811

From the bland diets of Europeans in the early 16th Century to the myriad of culinary flavors available today, spices have had a huge impact in the world. Join Active Minds as we trace the rise of spices from colonialism and the spice trade to the hundreds of varieties that are commonly stocked in nearby supermarkets.

Veteran's Day Recognition

Friday, Nov. 11, 1–3 pm, Sandberg Auditorium

FREE: Registration requested, call 303-751-1811

A photo-musical presentation honoring those who have fought for our freedom. The branches of services will be recognized. Light refreshments

Movie Matinee and Night: *Love and Friendship*

Friday, Nov. 18, 1 pm and 6:30 pm, Sandberg Auditorium

Fee: \$4 pre-register, \$5 on day of event

\$12 for Dinner and Movie (BBQ Buffet)

Beautiful young widow, Lady Susan Vernon, visits the estate of her in-laws to wait out the colorful rumors about her dalliances circulating through polite society. Whilst ensconced there, she decides to secure a husband for herself, and a future for her eligible, but reluctant daughter, Frederica. In doing so she attracts the simultaneous attentions of the young, handsome Reginald DeCourcy, the rich and silly Sir James Martin, and the divinely handsome, but married, Lord Manwaring, complicating matters severely. Rated PG.

Texas Hold 'em Poker

Friday, Nov. 18, 6:30 pm, Aspen/Blue Spruce Room

Fee: \$5

Everyone starts with \$2,000 in chips. Sign up by 5 pm on Wednesday, Nov. 16, get \$500 in extra chips. Only HG residents may participate. Practice session at 5:30.

Deck the Halls

Monday, Nov. 28, 9 am–noon

Come help us decorate the Clubhouse. We'll have the supplies ready. We need your help to decorate the trees and put up garland. Lunch is served to the volunteers who help.

Ask A Pharmacist

Tuesday, Nov. 29, 11 am, Blue Spruce Room

FREE: Registration requested, call 303-751-1811

Q & A with a pharmacist. Know your medications and some of the side effects that go along with the medication. Learn how your medication may interact with other medications, vitamins or supplements. Presented by Charlie Pratt, neighborhood Walmart pharmacist.

Holiday Potluck and Bingo

Wednesday, Dec. 7, noon–3 pm, Sandberg Auditorium

Fee: \$2 payable at the door

All are welcome. We'll provide the turkey, you provide the side dish, as assigned by last name. Registration requested, so we know how much turkey to cook!

Large Print Books

The Clubhouse Library needs large print books. If you have some around the house, please consider donating to the Clubhouse Library. All donations accepted.

Free Days for November

Denver Children's Museum Tuesday, Nov. 1
303-433-7444, 4–8 pm, www.mychildsmuseum.org,
2121 Children's Museum Dr.

Denver Botanic Gardens @ Chatfield
720-865-4346, 9 am–5 pm Tuesday, Nov. 1
www.botanicgardens.org
8500 Deer Creek Canyon Rd, Littleton

Denver Zoo Friday, Nov. 4
303-376-4800, www.denverzoo.org Monday, Nov. 7
2300 Steele St Thursday, Nov. 17

Denver Art Museum Saturday, Nov. 5
720-865-5000, 10 am–5 pm
www.denverartmuseum.org, 100 W 14th Ave Pkwy

Aurora History Museum Thursday, Nov. 10
303-739-6660, 9 am–4 pm Tues–Fri Wed, Nov. 16
www.auroragov.org, 11 am–4 pm Sat, Sun
15051 E Alameda Parkway Tuesday, Nov. 22

Denver Botanic Gardens Friday, Nov. 11
720-865-3500, 9 am–9 pm Saturday, Nov. 12
www.botanicgardens.org, 1007 York St, Denver

Molly Brown House Friday, Nov. 11
303-832-4092, mollybrown.org 10 am–3:30 pm
1340 Pennsylvania St, Denver

Denver Museum of Nature and Science
303-322-7009, www.dmns.org Sunday, Nov. 13
2001 Colorado Blvd, 9 am–5 pm
(Fee for IMAX films, Planetarium)

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tion representing packaging manufacturers, expressed concern that biodegradable tableware could make littering worse, as consumers might think, "it is OK to leave this packaging behind in the countryside." (The Independent, French government).

– *The Christian Science Monitor*, Oct. 17, 2016.

Early Warning Sirens: Nov. 15

At 11:30 am Tuesday, Nov. 15, the city's office of Emergency Management will test the early warning sirens. You will hear a three-minute wailing sound, which in the case of a real emergency would warn residents to seek shelter.

Emergency Notifications

Register to receive emergency notifications about natural and man-made disasters, missing child or at-risk adult, or a public safety issue in our area through your cell phone, text messaging or email by signing up online with the city of Aurora. Go to www.auroragov.org, click on the "Citizen Alert, Notification Sign Up" button and follow the easy instructions. Notifications do not include weather alerts.

Preparing for Winter

It seems hard to believe, but autumn in Aurora often means an early snowfall. There's no better time than now to plan ahead for that first big storm. And it starts with making sure your vehicle is ready for winter driv-

ing conditions.

- First, equip your car with good tires. All-season tires with good tread work fine for many drivers. If staying home isn't an option during a snow event, modern-day winter tires can be especially good for getting around, especially for inexperienced winter drivers or those with rear-wheel drive.

- Second, make sure tires are inflated to the recommended pressure.

- Third, keep important winter gear in your trunk for emergencies: a small snow shovel; kitty litter, snow melt or a piece of scrap carpet for traction; and windshield washer fluid.

- Finally, leave early for your destination. Take your time on the roads. Be mindful of other drivers and travel at a moderate pace, moving with the rest of traffic. Allow yourself plenty of time to stop. And be patient.

Information on snow plowing and snow removal responsibilities will be shared by News Aurora. Visit www.auroragov.org and search for "snow" for more information.

Aurora Center for Active Adults

Interested in day trips? Here are some planned for November.

- Mob Night Friday, Nov. 4
4:30–9:15 pm, \$65 (\$50 resident)
Menu: \$10–16

- Adam's Mystery Playhouse Saturday, Nov. 12
10:45 am–2:30 pm, \$75 (\$58 resident)

- DHT: Women's History Tour Monday, Nov. 14

10 am–3 pm, \$52 (\$40 resident)
Menu \$8–13

- BDT: *Thoroughly Modern Millie* Sunday, Nov. 20

11 am–5:15 pm, \$87 (\$67 resident)

- Lifetime Candles Tuesday, Nov. 29
10:30 am–4 pm, \$25 (\$19 resident)
Menu \$8–13

- Castle Rock Outlets Wednesday, Nov. 30

10 am–2:30 pm, \$20 (\$15 resident)

For details, see the *Day Tripper* newsletter or view online, auroragov.org/recreation, click on adults 50+. Call 303-739-7950 to have one mailed to you. Transportation is provided and leaves from the Aurora Center for Active Adults. Register at least one week before the trip. Arrive 15 minutes prior to departure and check-in at the front desk.

Aurora History Museum

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Tuesday, Nov. 8–Sunday, Dec. 11
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Aurora History Museum
9 am–4 pm Tuesday–Friday
11 am–4 pm Saturday, Sunday
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Denver Arts Week FREE Night at the Museums

The 10th annual Denver Arts Week is Nov. 4–12. The nine-day extravaganza brings together visual arts, theater, music, film, museums, dance, opera, comedy, literature, history, and heritage.

Spearheaded by Visit Denver, the cornerstone of Denver Arts Week is FREE Night at the Museums, held on **Saturday, Nov. 5**, when a total of 12 local museums, including the Denver Art Museum (DAM), will be

open late with free general admission 5–10 pm.

As an added bonus, get an exclusive Denver Arts Week membership. Sign up for any DAM membership level and get an extra month — 13 months of membership for the price of 12 months — of art access by using promo code DAW16 onsite or online Nov. 4–12. (Here is your friendly reminder that members get the best prices on special ticketed exhibitions including Star Wars™ and the Power of Costume!)

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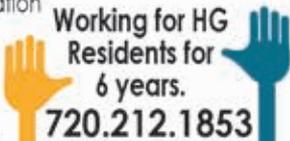
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Ch-ch-ch-ch- changes

by Mary Hafka

When David Bowie wrote the song, “Changes,” in 1971, the British performer evoked the angst of the period. Young people were questioning how their parents ran the country, and why were we fighting in a war in Asia?

Flash forward, 45 years. David has departed this mortal coil. People in my age group — the Vietnam generation — wake up and wonder, when did we turn into the bunch that has become resistant to change? Wasn’t that our parents?

I’m sure the timespan alone — 45 years — has a lot to do with it. After nearly half a century of the world slapping a person in the face (figuratively), and screaming, “Snap out of it!” rather as Cher did to Nicholas Cage in “Moonstruck,” that person will lose a bit of confidence in the endless virtues and opportunities that change offers.

Here’s the problem with believing that change is good. Today I am going to make some positive changes: it’s just one more damn thing to remember to do. That’s unappealing, when a person hits a certain age.

And now, like the mists descending on Avalon, a rude awakening is coming to that quaint hamlet known as Heather Gardens. A new Light Rail station is opening, soon, within walking distance to our fair village. Change is about to start whacking us in the face, just like Cher did to Nicholas.

Consider that new, improved entrance to HG, at Yale and Abilene. The entrance was completely revamped, and a wide sidewalk was added, on the southwest corner.

A series of “calming” lines are being painted on the streets surrounding HG, to delineate the portion of the street designated for driving, bike riding and parking. The bike lane, for those crossing Yale Avenue and turning right, onto South Heather Gardens Way, has the rider going up a ramp and cornering on

the wide sidewalk, before heading south.

The bike-luring sidewalk ramps represent a wholly new orientation. Automobile drivers must adjust. This was illustrated, in October, when a confused driver, following those white lines painted in the street, drove her car up onto the sidewalk. I have a suspicion that, in the end, she didn’t find the experience particularly calming.

Everyone knew that Iliff Station was a nefarious deal, anyway, when — as part of its street revamping — the builders installed a roundabout intersection, at the station’s parking-garage exit. A roundabout is a type of circular junction in which road traffic flows almost continuously in one direction around a central island, Wikipedia tells me.

Traffic exiting the roundabout comes from one direction, not three, making crossings easier for pedestrians. Another benefit is, roundabouts allow U-turns within the normal flow of traffic.

Presumably cars spend less time idling in traffic. Rather, they spend it going in circles, steered by confused drivers who can’t figure out how or where to get out of the roundabout.

I never encountered anyone my age, or older, who didn’t hate the roundabout. These conveyances can be found all over Europe, which undoubtedly is reason to regard them with suspicion. Half the world’s roundabouts are in France (someone who entered all those roundabouts, and couldn’t get out, probably had time to count them), which is further cause to dislike them.

A great many are in England, where those miscreants drive on the wrong side of the street. Roundabouts in England, therefore, go in a clockwise direction — the opposite of how they travel in the U.S. How can some roundabouts moving in a clockwise direction,

while others go counterclockwise, possibly be a good idea?

If the coming of the Light Rail Station means that a roundabout in the immediate vicinity is required, the full endeavor should be viewed with a jaundiced eye. Which segues smartly into that other change coming to the neighborhood, — an apartment complex across the street.

If you build some rental apartments, they will come, apparently. They can ride the Light Rail to work. The number of people likely to come has some residents a little worried.

Some change-resistant residents of HG possibly envision, as I can, hordes of people — adults, kids, aunties, dogs (bearing beach balls, sun umbrellas and fetch sticks) — streaming across Yale Avenue. (They’ll have to look both ways, because Yale isn’t a roundabout.) They’ll cross that great divide, to HG, to jump and play in our North Pond.

I probably would have spent more time obsessing about why the vacant stretch of land across Yale from HG — which has stood vacant for the 40 years HG has been here — couldn’t have stayed vacant a few decades more. Unfortunately, I was dealing with a change even closer to home.

Four months ago, sadly, I entered the Valley of The Dental Implant. I snapped off a front tooth, and became the kind of senior I never wanted to be: one who spends most waking hours running off to doctors’ appointments. In my case, I bounced, yo-yo-like, between two dentists, the implant guy and my regular dentist.

Luckily, it was only one tooth, albeit a significant one. After 16 weeks of being measured, filed, drilled, x-rayed and fitted with two temporary bridges (flippers), followed by a lengthy healing period — to be sure the implant and my jaw bone genuinely took to each other — I came out the other side, last month, with a shiny, new front tooth and a bill for about \$4,000.

The status quo, seemingly, has been restored. The truth is, though, something else, something internal, broke the day my tooth did.

David Bowie said it: Time may change me. But I can’t trace time.



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